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chapter.01

2014
56TH OKA UNIVERSITY FESTIVAL
WOW! SO THIS IS...
...A UNIVERSITY CULTURAL FESTIVAL!!

WILL YOU LET ME HAVE MY MOMENT.

BUT YOU'RE EMBAR-RASING, MAN.

It's just the entrance...

SANO-CHIN, GIVE IT A REST AND LET'S GO INSIDE ALREADY.

AND IT'S AN OPEN CAMPUS!!!

...WHAT-EVER THAT MEANS.

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OPEN CAMPUS

OKA-PI, HAVE YOU GONE HERE BEFORE?

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME.

And a pro wrestling ring, too!

DEFINITELY. IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEAGUE COMPARED TO HIGH SCHOOL.

They even have a rabbit.

IT'S KINDA FLASHY.

I GUESS...

THUMP

THUMP

WELL, I WANTED TO VISIT A FRIEND, TOO...

AH.

THANK HEAVENS YOU DECIDED TO COME WITH ME!

TAKERUUU!

ARE YOU THEIR UNCLE OR WHAT?

Ahaha!

Wha-

PFFT

SANO-KUN, YOU'VE GROWN A LOT.

OF COURSE NOT.

DID YOU GET LOST?

YEAH!

I'M FUJITA, NAKATSU'S FRIEND.

Takeru laughed at me!...

HELLO.

I'M GETING THAT "COLLEGE STUDENT VIBE" FROM HIM.

Right.

You haven't given them these.

I'M SANO.

DAAANG.

THANKS!

Thank you.

OH, AND TAKE A PAMPHLET.

Alright.

FOR THE MEANTIME, LET'S GO TO THE COURTYARD.

Yes, sir!

OKAY.

YOU REALLY LIKE THOSE THINGS.

HOLY CRAP, OKA-PI! LOOK! THERE'S A BEAUTY PAGEANT!

Hahaha

I KNOW A GOOD STALL!

Brought to you by the Fried Noodles Research Club!

LET'S GO, TAKERU!!!

What even...

SERIOUSLY?

OH. TRUE.

I'm hungry.

HEY,

AH!

I FEEL LIKE EATING FRIED NOODLES.

I'LL BUY SOME, OKAY?

For everyone.

THANKS.

Let's buy some drinks?

Yeah.

WALKING AROUND IS TIRING.

Ahaha.

I AGREE.

SHALL WE TAKE A SEAT OVER THERE?

YES!

And we lived close to each other.

OKA-PI AND I WERE CLASSMATES IN GRADE SCHOOL,

BUT HE NEVER REALLY PLAYED WITH US SINCE HE AND NAKATSU-SAN ALWAYS SPENT THEIR TIME TOGE-THER.

HEY HEY

Wanna catch bugs with us?

NO.

NO.

AT LEAST NOT IN MY CASE.

HAVE YOU GUYS KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE?

SOMEWHERE AROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL.

BUT OKA-PI AND I STARTED HANGING AROUND MORE OFTEN...

THERE WERE TIMES WE WERE FORCED TO INTERACT,

THERE'S AN EMPTY SEAT THAT WAY.

LET'S GO.

... I'VE MET TAKERU-KUN ONCE BEFORE,

AND I MISTOOK THEM FOR BROTHERS THEN.

WELL, THEY'RE JOINED AT THE HIP.

so I can't blame you.

特製

IT'S SPACIOUS...

YEAH, TO FIT ALL THESE PEOPLE IN.

ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S CULTURAL FESTIVAL?

YES, WE HELD IT LAST MONTH.

AH.

SO THERE ISN'T ANY CHANCE FOR A LOVELY ENCOUNTER...

FIRST YEARS ONLY GET TO DO THEATRE IN THE FESTIVAL, RIGHT?

Because of the learning system.

AHH...

True, true.

SHOOT.

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

...DO YOU GET TO GO TO A LOT OF MIXERS?

IN COLLEGE...

Well,

THERE'LL BE A LOT IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, FOR SURE,

SO LONG AS YOU SOCIALIZE.

ALTHOUGH THE HIGHEST PAY-OFF WOULD BE IN SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Join one that has a lot of drink-ing parties.

I see...

≠

YOU CUT RIGHT INTO THE CHASE, DONCHA?

HAHAHA!

IT'S A MATTER OF PRIME IMPOR-TANCE.

AND BECAUSE I NEED ME A GIRL-FRIEND.

YEAH,

WHY, YOU WANNA BE POPULAR?

True.

THEY'VE BEEN GONE A WHILE.

I wonder if it's crowd-ed.

WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG?

ANYWAY,

JUST STAY THERE.

WOULD TAKOYAKI BE ALRIGHT?

Yes.

DON'T MIND ME.

ACTUALLY, I'LL GO BUY US FOOD IN THAT STALL IN FRONT.

AH.

... AHH, THAT ASS-HOLE...

?

I BET HE'S POPULAR.

I'LL HONOR HIM AS MY MASTER.

THE DIFFERENCE THREE YEARS CAN MAKE IS AMAZING.

...MATURE.

And kinda posh.

HE'S SO...

NO.

HEY, PRINCE. YOU ALONE?

Awww.

They're talking about Master.

AH.

AH!

IT'S PRINCE!

WATCHA DOIN'?

PROMISE?

WHAT A BABE.

We're doing a coffee shop inside the building.

make sure you come.

IT'S ON ME, SO HELP YOURSELF.

OH, NO!

YOU GOT SEPARATED FROM YOUR FRIEND. TAKE IT AS CONSOLA-TION.

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.

Ah.

DAMN!

HE IS THE MASTER!

GIRLS ARE HITTING ON HIM RIGHT BEFORE MY VERY EYES!

GO AHEAD.

Is he a sporte-man?

... THANKS FOR THE FOOD.

THAT'S A THING THE GIRLS IN MY DEPART-MENT...

...STARTED ON THEIR OWN.

MUCH TO MY EMBAR-RASSMENT.

JUST NOW...

I HEARD THEM CALL YOU PRINCE.

GULP

A STATE-MENT OF ONE'S RE-LATIONSHIP STATUS HAS NEVER BEEN SO SMOOTH.

BRRR

AH.

IT'S ME WHO HATES IT.

YOUR GIRLFRIEND PROBABLY HATES IT.

That other girls call you Prince.

MY PARTNER'S NOT A STUDENT ANYMORE, SO THEY WON'T FIND OUT.

STOP IT.

IT SUITS YOU, THOUGH.

Shows how pop-ular you are...

... FINE, WE'LL BE THERE.

THAT'S TOO FAR!

HUH?!

WHERE ARE YOU?

I'm truly sorry!

I CALLED THEM.

LET'S GO.

A'IGHT.

OH, THE PAGEANT'S STARTING SOON.

REALLY?! I wanna watch!

IT'S THAT WAY.

WHERE'S FUJITA?

HE'S ON HIS PHONE OVER THERE.

SORRY, SANO-KUN.

Don't just pop out!

OH, I DON'T MIND.

AHH, FUJITA.

HE'LL BE FINE WITH-OUT US.

OKAY...

OH!

IS THAT THE GIRL-FRIEND?

THAT GUY'S EXTREMELY POPULAR.

YOU DON'T SAY.

He looks like he'd be.

MASTER'S STILL...!

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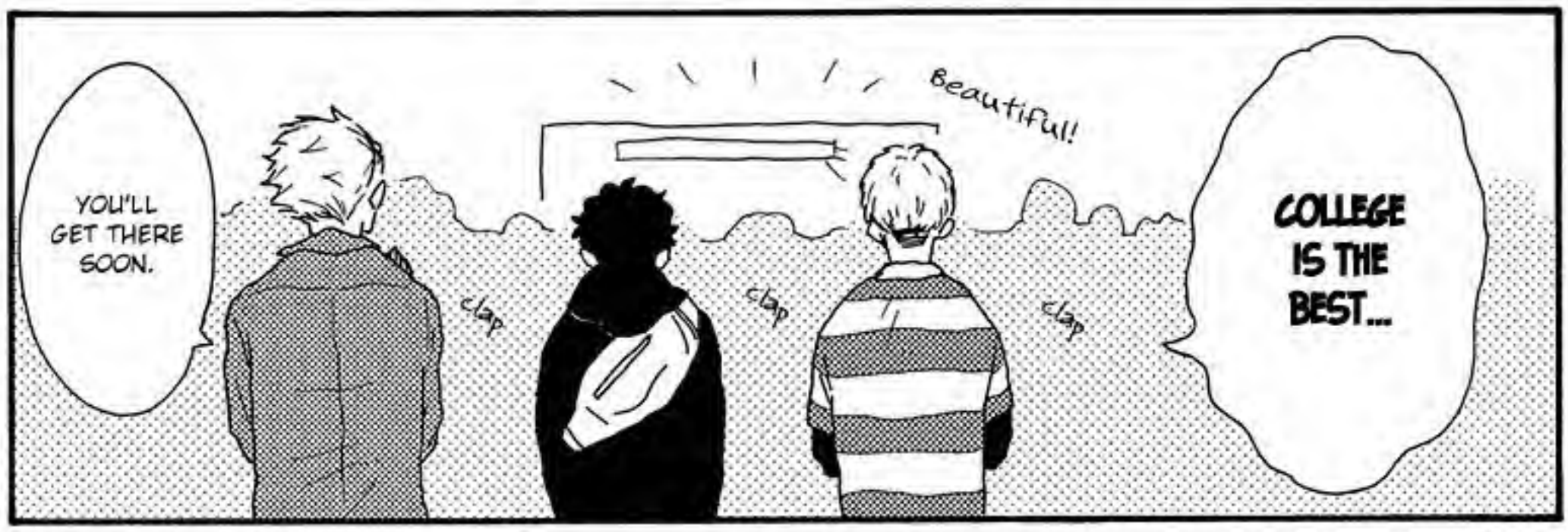
YOU'LL GET THERE SOON.
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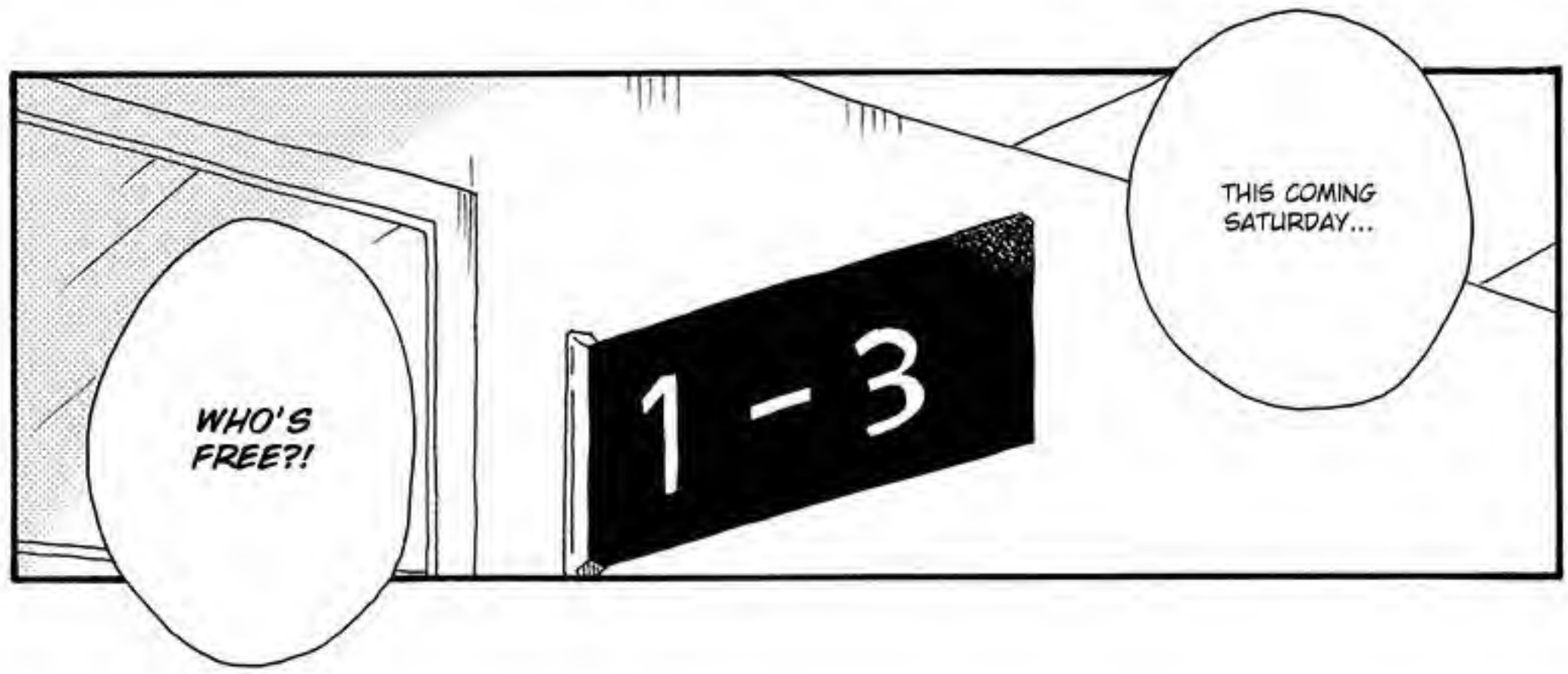
Beautiful!
COLLEGE IS THE BEST...


WHO'S FREE?!
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THIS COMING SATURDAY...

SORRY, MAN.

I'M SURE IT'S JUST BASEBALL ANYWAY.

IT'S NOT "JUST BASEBALL"!

...

I HAVE A DATE WITH NAO-CHAN.

ME TOO.

I'VE GOT PLANS.

KEEP PLAYING BASEBALL TOO MUCH,

YOU'LL END UP INJURED.

YEAH, LISTEN TO HIM.

WHAT DO YOU CALL PEOPLE LIKE HIM AGAIN?

Comic relief?

HE'S FUNNY, THAT'S FOR SURE.

DAMN IT!

SHUT UP! I ALSO WANNA GO ON A DATE MYSELF!

THE PROBLEM'S WHO TO GO WITH!

ぐぬぬぬぬ

I HAVE A FEELING YOU'LL HIT IT OFF WITH SOMEONE OLDER.

FOR SOME REASON,

SANO-CHIN LOOKED LIKE HE REALLY ENJOYED IT.

WHEN WE WENT TO THE FESTIVAL THE OTHER DAY,

PFFT!

WHAT THE HELL?

... TO TELL THE TRUTH, I'M HAVING THAT FEELING, TOO...

YOU GUYS ARE UNFAIR! DON'T LEAVE ME OUT!!!

SOME-ONE OLDER, HUH...

I see...

WHAT?!

JUST THE TWO OF YOU?!

THERE WERE LOTS OF HOT BABES...

POLISHING DONE!

BASEBALL

ALRIGHT!

THEY CALLED IT "BASEBALL ELBOW."

I INJURED MY ELBOW BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

AND MY ELBOW'S NOT HURTING ANYMORE.

ALLOWING ME ONLY GRASS-LOT BASEBALL THREE TIMES EVERY TWO MONTHS.

THIS BANNED ME FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES IN HIGH SCHOOL,

I ENDURED IT UNTIL I WAS FORCED TO RETIRE,

AND AFTER THAT, MY FOLKS GOT REAL MAD AT ME.

WHATEVER, IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO GO PRO.

AS FOR ME...

ALL I HAVE IS BASE-BALL.

EVEN OKA-PI. I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A GAMING NERD, BUT HE'S BEEN DITCHING ME QUITE A LOT LATELY.

THAT RYOU. AS SOON AS HE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, HE GOT HIMSELF A GIRLFRIEND.

He's always been frivolous.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I NEED TO DO TO CHANGE THIS SITUATION.

DAMN IT! THIS IS JUST LIKE MIDDLE SCHOOL!

CAN'T SOME HIGHER POWER MAKE ME POPULAR BY TOMOR-ROW...

Guess not.

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OH...
We won, so let's celebrate!
ARE YOU COMING TO THE CLOSING PARTY?
AH! YOU TOO.
GOOD GAME!

Great job to-day!
Then, see you next time!
THERE'S A PLACE I WANTED TO VISIT,
Next time!
SO I'LL PASS FOR NOW.
I SEE.

EATING AND DRINKING IS FINE, BUT COME ON...

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IT'S JUST GONNA BE A GEEZER-FILLED PARTY LIKE ALWAYS, SO NO THANKS.

Here it is!

HIRE A FEMALE MANAGER ALREADY.

I GUESS I SHOULD HEAD HOME.

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HM?

What's the mat-ter?
Are you okay?

THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW POPULAR YOU CAN BE...

THE GIRLS ARE FLOCK-ING HIM...
AND...
What?!
Would you like to go some-where more...
Yeah, that's right.

IS THAT...? MASTER?
From last time.

NO,

IT'S ALRIGHT.

I'M FINE NOW, SO...

EXCUSE ME!

UMM...

What?!

STEP

THIS GUY'S...

...WITH ME.

I'M HERE NOW, SO UHH...

EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE TROUBLE.

OH, THIS IS ONLY 'CAUSE... YOU KNOW...

HE DIDN'T LOOK WELL EARLIER, SO WE GOT WORRIED.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Let's go.

whew

YOU'RE...

FROM THE OTHER DAY...

THANKS SO MUCH FOR LAST TIME!

YO!

A sports-man...

I WAS DEBATING WHETHER TO BUTT IN...

NO.

I'M THANKFUL.

OR NOT...

...

HE WAS CRYING.

THEY WOULDN'T GO AWAY NO MATTER WHAT I SAID.

YOU DO LOOK LIKE YOU AREN'T FEELING WELL.

YEAH... I'M FINE.

... ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?

BECAUSE OF THAT, I KINDA...

I GOT REALLY ANGRY AND FRUS-TRATED.

THERE'S A WOMAN OUT THERE CRAZY ENOUGH TO DUMP THE HANDSOME MASTER?!

I WAS JUST DUMPED...

...IN THAT COFFEE SHOP OVER THERE.

EH?!

COULDN'T...

CONTROL...

DRIP

WAIT...

PANIC

PANIC

AH...

HIEEE!

AHHH.

SHIT.

SO IF IT'S NOT A BOTHER,

ALLOW ME TO...

YOU MIGHT...

GET HOUNDED LIKE BEFORE...

THUD

...STAY BY YOUR SIDE.

JUST UNTIL YOU CALM DOWN.

IF YOU NEED A TOWEL...

Oh!

BUT I USED THIS TODAY, SO IT STINKS.

IT DOES.

AH,

CRAP.

MY NOSE.

sniff

HAHAHA.

YOU'RE SO KIND.

WHAT DO I SAY...

THOSE WERE THE KIND OF THOUGHTS RUNNING IN MY MIND.

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THERE YOU GO.

THU

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JUST A SWIG.

FROM MY dad's.

YOU'VE NEVER HAD A TASTE?

THIS IS...

...BEER, ISN'T IT?

IS ALL I CAN OFFER.

THEN YOU'LL BE FINE.

YEAH...

IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

CAN YOU MANAGE GOING HOME?

I THINK I'VE COME OUT OF IT NOW.

TWENTY MINUTES AGO.

Whoa.

sniff

I'LL LEAVE...

...ONCE I FINISH THIS.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO ESCORT YOU UNTIL YOU'RE CLOSE?

...I'D APPRE-CIATE IT.

EH?!

When did that even happen?!

MASTER, THAT'S YOUR SECOND CAN!

AREN'T YOU GOING A BIT TOO FAST?

LET ME CHUG THIS DOWN FOR NOW.

NO WAY...

GOING ALREADY?

POP

UH-HUH...

I WANT TO DROWN MY SORROWS, SO WATER WON'T CUT IT.

I HAD THOUGHT...

AHHH... EVERYTHING'S SPINNING.

NO surprise there.

BUT WHO'D THINK BREAKING UP WITH YOUR LOVER...

...WOULD HURT THIS BAD?

BY THE WAY,

...MASTER WOULD BE A MORE COLLECTED PERSON.

I SUPPOSE ALCOHOL CAN HAVE THAT EFFECT.

BESIDES, HE JUST WENT THROUGH A BREAK-UP.

WHAT'S 'MASTER' FOR?

IT'S BEEN BUGGING ME.

OH... IT'S 'CAUSE...

I CONSIDER YOU MY POPULARITY MASTER.

REALLY? YOU CHOSE A GUY WHO WAS DUMPED NOT SO LONG AGO?

...

... MY PARTNER CHEATED ON ME.

MASTER, I'VE SEEN YOUR POPU-LARITY AT WORK!

EVEN SO...!

E-

AND HAD A KID.

That's...

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY IT MIGHT BE YOUR KID...

UHH...

UNLIKELY.

THAT'S MORE HARDCORE THAN I THOUGHT!

THEY'RE GETTING MARRIED, SO WE BROKE UP.

IT MEANS THE PERSON I WAS DATING...

...IS A MAN.

Mean-ing?

?

THE THIRD PARTY'S THE ONE WHO GOT PREGNANT.

OH, AND...

DO ME A FAVOR..

...AND KEEP THIS FROM THAT FRIEND OF YOURS.

It'd be annoying if Nakatsu finds out.

HOLY SHIT!

...OF ME, WHO'S NOW CRYING HIS HEART OUT...

...AFTER GETTING DUMPED BY ANOTHER MAN.

YOU MUST BE DISILLU-SIONED...

A FAILED RELATIONSHIP HURTS FOR EVERYONE...

...AND GENDER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

NO...

... WERE YOU EVER DUMPED IN THE PAST?

EH?

NEVER.

BUT...

I CAN'T SAY IT DIDN'T SURPRISE ME.

I'VE NEVER CONFESSED OR DATED IN MY ENTIRE LIFE, HONEST! I'M A TOTAL VIRGIN!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

YOU LITTLE...

And YOU call ME Master?!

I'M not sure what kind of realization he just had..

wham

I SEE...

I-, I-, I DO A LITTLE... BASEBALL, SO...

SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE

HMMM.

YOUR ARM'S PRETTY RIPPED.

oho!

OH, HEY...

FLINCH

IS HE OUT OF BATTERY?

silence

DON'T WORRY.

I WON'T GO THERE WITH YOU.

GOT IT...

There?

Where?

ME?!

NEVER!

DIDN'T YOU?!

YOU THOUGHT I'D ROOT YOU,

Why'd you flinch?!

He kinda did.

I'LL ASSIST YOU IN YOUR QUEST FOR POPULARITY.

NO WAY?!

ALRIGHT. AS OF THIS MOMENT FORWARD,

He's sleeping like a baby...

IT'S MORNING ALREADY?

I DON'T REMEMBER FALLING ASLEEP.

7:15

WHOA-WHA?

GOOD MORNING.

YOU'RE GOING HOME?

LIWA!

silently

NO WORRIES. LUCKILY IT'S SUNDAY.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I MADE YOU STAY WITH ME UNTIL MORNING...

I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT.

I SLEPT PEACEFULLY.

THANKS TO YOU,

HUG

THEN I'LL GET GO...

WAIT.

OH,

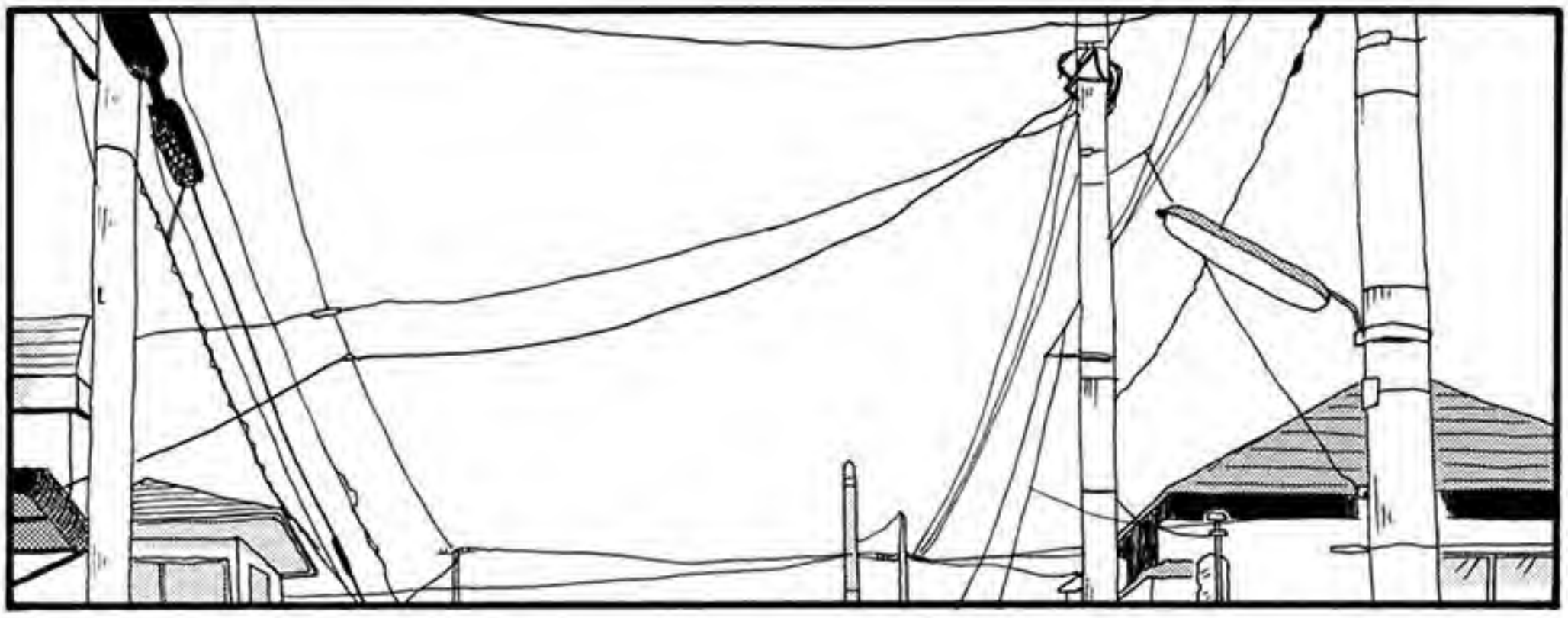
SEE YOU SOON.

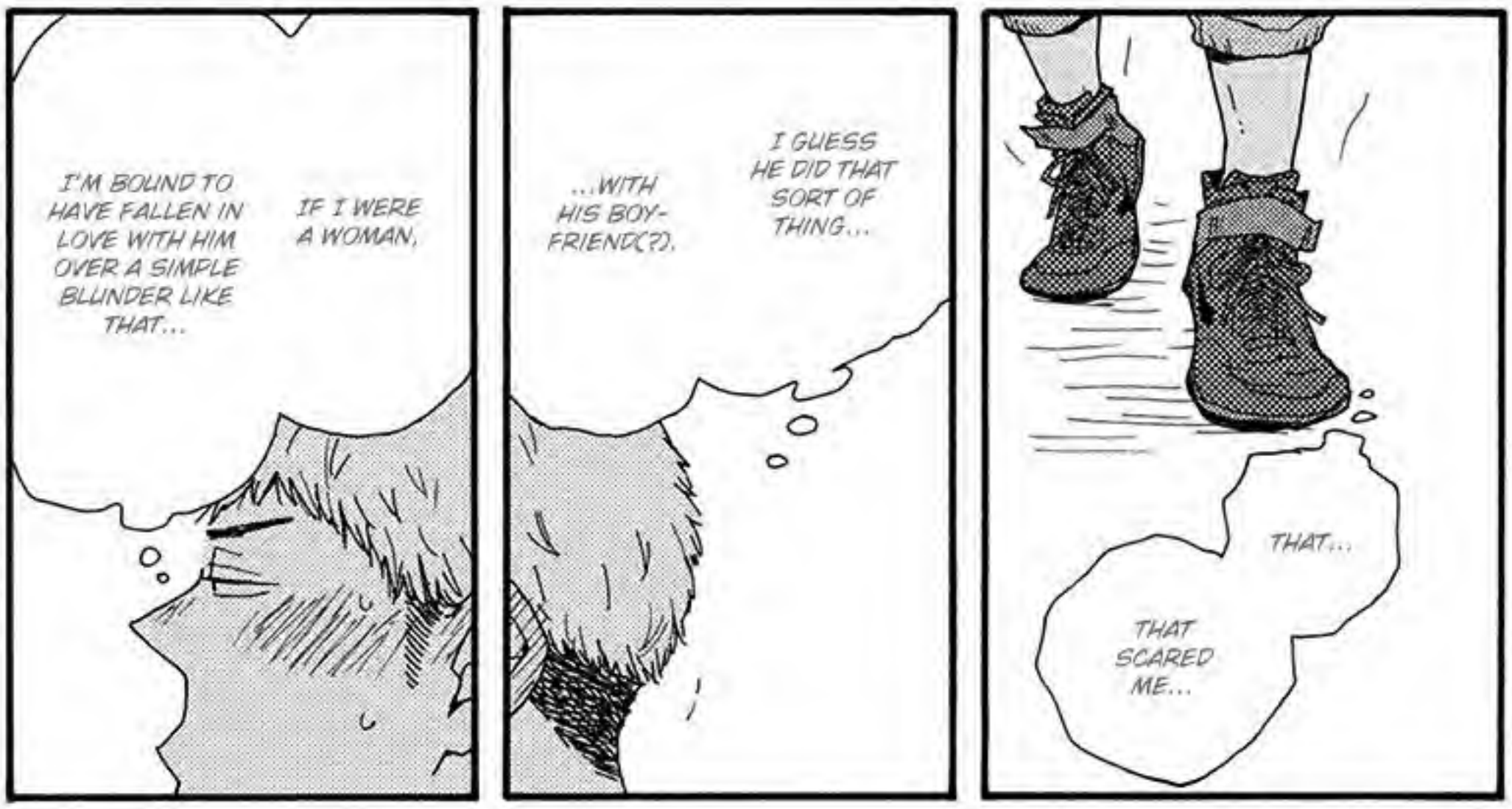
OOPS.

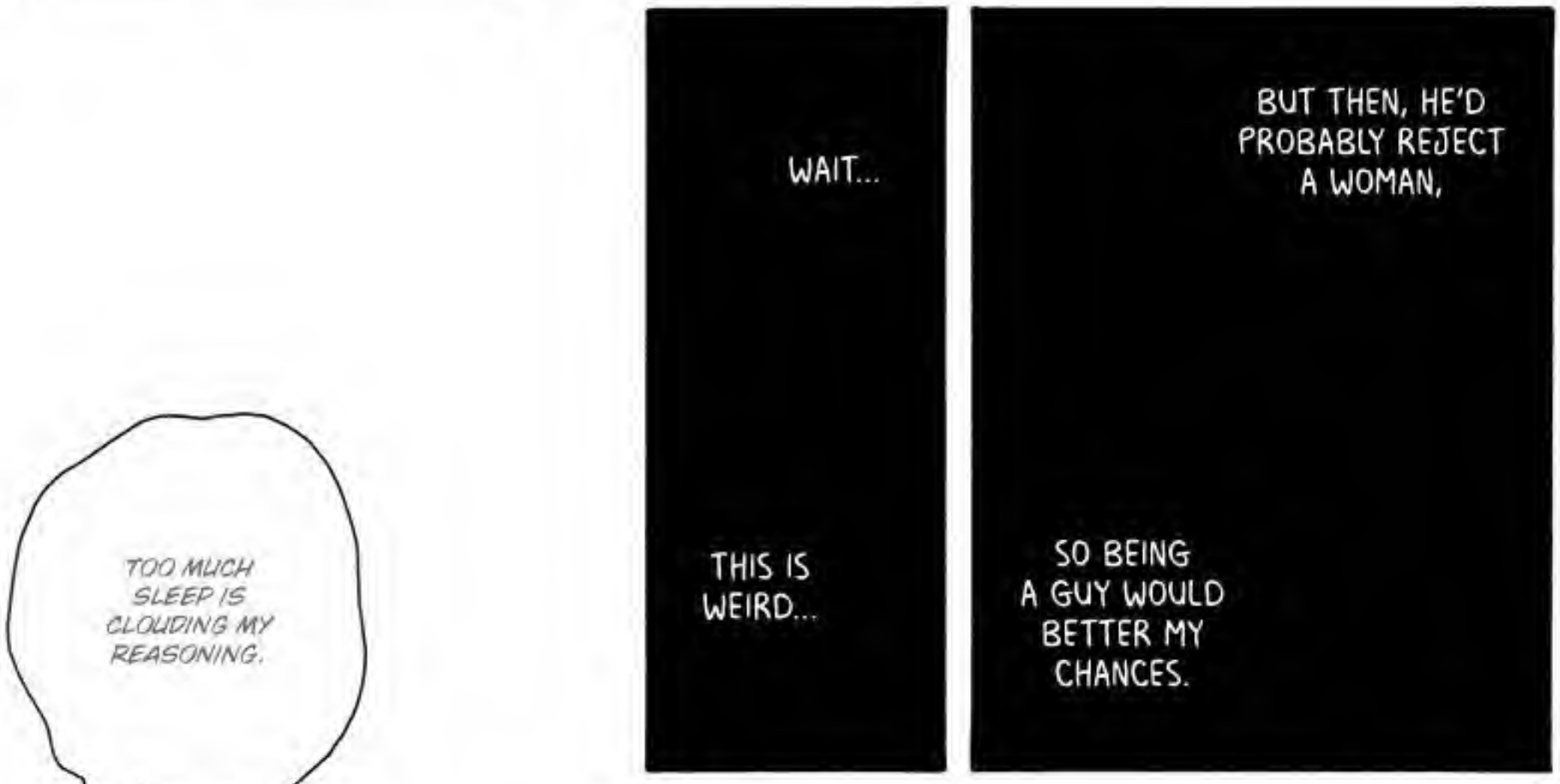
GOT THE WRONG... PERSON.

Hahaha...

Hahaha...



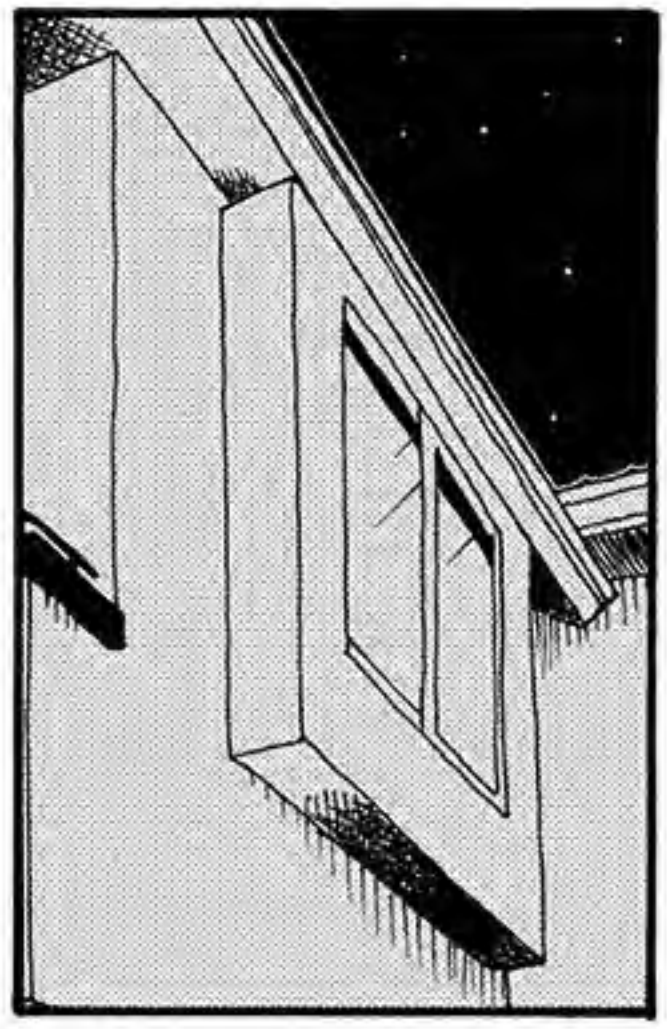

I'M BOUND TO HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM OVER A SIMPLE BLUNDER LIKE THAT...
IF I WERE A WOMAN,
...WITH HIS BOY-FRIEND(?).
I GUESS HE DID THAT SORT OF THING...
THAT...
THAT SCARED ME...


TOO MUCH SLEEP IS CLOUDING MY REASONING.
WAIT...
THIS IS WEIRD...
BUT THEN, HE'D PROBABLY REJECT A WOMAN,
SO BEING A GUY WOULD BETTER MY CHANCES.

NII-CHAN! DINNER!

YEUH?

SLAM



THAT WAS SOME SLEEP.

Ahh~ NO~

IF YOU DON'T HURRY, WE'LL FINISH IT ALL!

RUN RUN RUN RUN

WE'RE HAVING FRIED CHICKEN!

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通 ｉｉｉ There's a lot of messages in here.

I'M COMING RIGHT AWAY.

YEAH... ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT.

SANO-CHIN, DOING ANYTHING?

13:15

I'M HANGING OUT WITH NAO-CHAN AND HER FRIEND ATM. SO IF YOU'RE FREE, JOIN THE FUN.

13:16

WHA...

BY THE WAY, SAID FRIEND IS SUPER CUTE.

13:16

WAO

13:17

!!

Actually,

I'M THE MORON FOR TURNING SILENT MODE ON!!!

For the purpose of sleep

WHOOO

WHEN HE IGNORES ME MOST DAYS!!!

SLAM SLAM

OF ALL DAYS HE COULD'VE CHOSEN TO INVITE ME OUT...!!!

I WON'T MISS IT NEXT TIME...

...WITH MASTER, A COLLEGE STUDENT.

... BUT I WAS UP DRINKING UNTIL MORNING...

That's amazing in its own way.

YOU REALLY WASTED ONE HECK OF AN OPPORTUNITY!

KEEP RUBBING SALT ON MY WOUNDS, WHY DON'T YOU?

THEIR EYES ARE BIG...

DUDE, LEGIT. LIKE ALL GIRLS FROM S HIGH.

SHE'S *THAT* CUTE?

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SHUT IT! AND STOP WITH THE WEIRD ANALYSIS!

BUT IN FRONT OF GIRLS, SANO-CHIN BECOMES NEUROTIC AND INSTANTLY GOES HAYWIRE...

Especially around cute girls.

True.

AHH...

SHE SAID SHE LIKED FUNNY GUYS, SO IT'S A REAL SHAME.

WHAT'S THAT?

PORN.

TADAAA!

RUSTLE

ANYWAY, I FIGURED YOU'D SULK YOUR WAY THROUGH THE DAY, SO I BROUGHT THIS...

You're the worst!

She'll get mad if she sees them.

Actually, NAO-CHAN'S DROPPING BY MY HOUSE ONE OF THESE DAYS, SO I NEED A SAFE PLACE FOR THIS.

KEEP 'EM COMIN'!

It kinda pisses me off, but...

MY BROTHER!

TUG

WHATEVER, I'M WATCHING IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

Ah!

SANO!

I CAN'T WATCH THIS WITH MY LITTLE SISTER AROUND THE HOUSE, SO YOURS IS MY ONLY HOPE.

THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.

Let's sleep.

together.

o-okay.

In your place.

OKA-PI, WANNA WATCH IT TOGE-THER?

NO, THANKS. WHY GO THROUGH THE TROU-BLE?

I HEARD WE'RE HAVING BASKETBALL FOR P.E. THIS WEEK.

REALLY?!

He's so full of energy.

Hell, yeah!

NII-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG?

ARE YOU HURT?

YOUR ARM'S ACHING AGAIN?

I'M SERIOUSLY TELLING THE TRUTH...

IN ANY CASE, THIS WEEK IS A NO!

your father will hear about this!

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY BASE-BALL UNTIL THE PAIN GOES AWAY!

NO!

I PLAYED A LITTLE KET...

NO... U U

AYUMI-CHAN, NOT SO LOUD!

Eh?

I HEARD THAT!

NII-CHAN IS THINKING OF SPENDING THE WHOLE NIGHT STU-DYING~

LIES!

ROLL

TELL ME THIS IS NOT HAPPENING...

NII-CHAN, I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.

SO I'M SLEEPING WITH YOU TONIGHT!

AGAIN, I COULDN'T GET A HOLD OF...

...THOSE TWO.

KYAAA

...

It's too noisy...

THUD THUD THU

YOCCHAN, YOU'RE IT THIS TIME!

... LET'S GO OUT.

I'M here!

Kyahaha! RUN RUN

AHH!

IT'S AYUMI'S BRO!!!

SLIDE

Y

Fishing...

MAYBE I SHOULD PICK UP A HOBBY THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE EXERCISE...

書店

OH?

YOU FISH?

NO!

NOT REALLY!

WAIT,

Thank you very much!

I'm sorry...

MASTER!

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?!

YOU'RE TOO LOUD.

SPEA-,

SPEAKING OF, YOU HAVE A LOTTA BOOKS AT HOME!

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I READ, BUT ONLY ONCE IN A WHILE.

AN EROTIC NOVEL.

EH!

I guess that's what you do in a book-shop.

I SEE YOU BOUGHT A BOOK.

YEAH.

That's unexpected.

Sano-kun.

IF I PICK UP THE HOBBY NOW, THAT'D MAKE ME POPULAR WITH THE LADIES, WOULDN'T IT?

REALIZE

HAHAHA.

YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED A BOOK IN A LONG TIME.

But I have no freaking idea where to start.

I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE FROM THE ONES I HAVE AT HOME.

YOU CAN GO HOME AS SOON AS YOU FIND A BOOK YOU LIKE.

FOR SOME REASON,

YOU SEEM INTERESTED IN READING.

Is he an es-per?!

WANNA BORROW SOME OF MY BOOKS?

FLAP

FLAP

PLEASE, DON'T BOTHER.

I'LL GET YOU SOME TEA.

TAKE YOUR TIME CHOOSING.

BEING POPULAR IS HARD WORK.

THIS IS INTIMI-DATING.

COME ON, I TRULY HAVE TEA THIS TIME.

Ahaha!

I'LL TAKE ANYTHING.

THESE SHOULD BE ENOUGH...

AND THEY'RE EASY TO READ.

THANKS.

Erotic novel.

...HAS BEEN EATING AT ME.

THAT...

FOR A WHILE NOW,

IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

BUT...

sneaks

YOU'RE SO PREDICT-ABLE.

OH, SHIT...

I KNEW YOU'D GO FOR IT.

WELL, YOU'RE A HEALTHY HIGH SCHOOL BOY, AFTER ALL.

STRANGELY, THE OTHER WAY AROUND IS MORE EMBARRASSING.

BUT I'VE BEEN THERE.

I GUESS I AM!

YOU'RE MORE INTERESTED IN PORNOS.

COMPARED TO BOOKS LIKE THIS,

THAT'S MASTER FOR YOU.

THAT'S...

WOW, IN GRAPHIC DETAIL...

touch

THE GUY I BROKE UP WITH, THE ONE I TOLD YOU ABOUT. WE STARTED GOING OUT BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL.

ALL WE EVER DID WAS HAVE SEX.

WE COMPLETELY TOSSED STUDYING ASIDE.

I DON'T REALLY MIND...

I'M SORRY!

I'M...

AH!

DO YOU ACT LIKE THAT AROUND YOUR FRIENDS?

SURE IT IS.

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

NOT AT ALL!

SO WHAT'S THE DEAL?

A LITTLE JUMPY, AREN'T WE?

BECAUSE I'M GAY?

I DON'T REALLY GET IT EITHER...

I KNOW THAT YOU WOULDN'T...

...WITH ME.

IT'S PROBABLY YOUR FACE...
YOU'RE HANDSOME...
SO LOOKING AT YOU KINDA MAKE... MY HEART RACE.

HMM...

JUST NOW,
I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING.
SAY,

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WE ONLY HAVE TO DO IT ONCE.

...WILL COME RIGHT OUTTA YOU, WON'T THEY?

WHAT... IS HE...

AFTER THAT, SELF-CONFIDENCE OR COMPOSURE...

WHAT IS HE SAYING?

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, WHY DON'T YOU TRY HAVING SEX WITH ME?

SEEE...

...EX?

YUP.

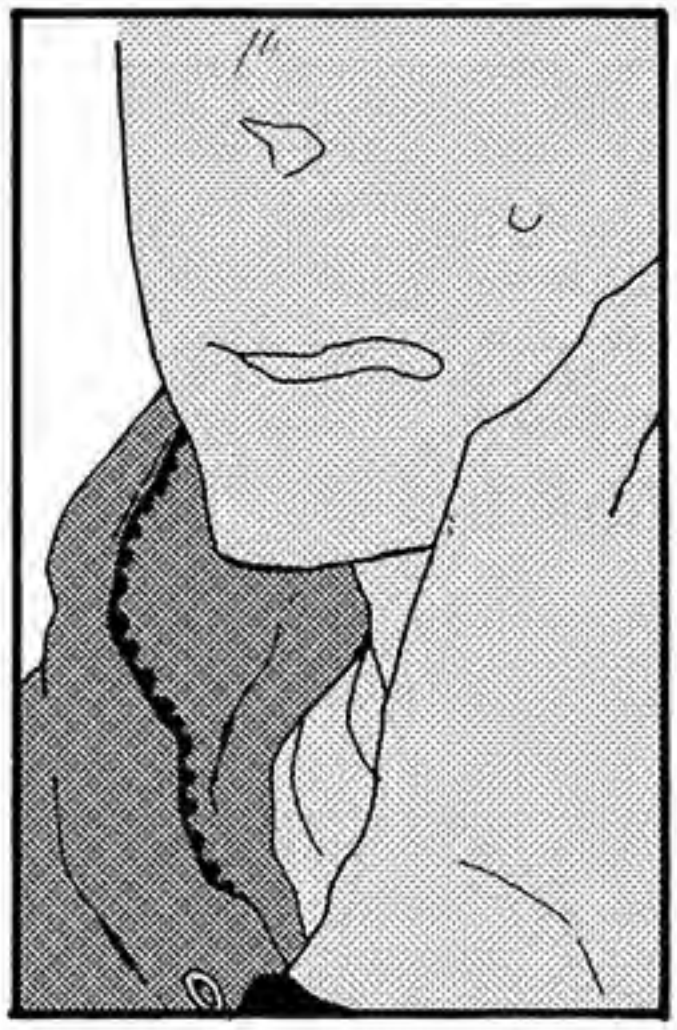
YOU AND ME?

HOW'S THAT GONNA...

...PUT IT...

YOU'RE GOING TO...

...INSIDE ME.



NO!

THAT'S- UHH...

YOU LOOK FLUSHED.

...HUH?

I

HAVE YOU HAD IT?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FIRST KISS?

I HAVEN'T EVEN SAID ANYTHING YEEET!

ooo

slliide

WAS IT GROSS?

ARE YOU OKAY?

How's your head?

I'M... I'M FINE.

My head, too.

!

THUD

IT'S...
NOT...

OKAY,
THEN.

smooch

PREPARE
HIMSELF...?
FOR WHAT?

OH...

I GET IT.

SPACED
OUT

I'LL
PREPARE
MYSELF A
LITTLE.

YE...
YES.

FLUFFY

FLUFFY

...GONNA DO IT WITH MASTER?

I'M...

Ahhhh!!!!

THE SOUND OF THE SHOWER!!!

It's all over now!

SHAAA

WHACK

HUH?!

WAIT, WHAT?!

THIS IS NUTS!

PANIC

PANIC

...

I-, I... CAN STILL STOP IT!

IT WAS NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

NO...

THAT'S NOT IT.

I FELT HIM GET CLOSER.

HIS FACE,

HIS HANDS.

EVEN HIS KISS.

GRIP

YOU'VE ALREADY GOTTEN TO THIS POINT,

WAIT, HOLD UP...

CAN I REALLY DO IT?!

THIS IS WAAAY OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE!

I'm still a virgin, okay.

HM

kiss kiss

cu-tie!

His memories from infancy.

SO THAT'S HOW IT FEELS LIKE.

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM MY MOM'S KISSES...

I wasn't supposed to stay here?

YES?

WELL,

I THOUGHT YOU GOT SCARED AND RAN OFF HOME.

BUT...

I-, I-. I HAD THAT OPTION?!

I WOULD'VE BEEN SUPER DEPRESSED.

THANK GOD. HAD YOU LEFT,

AH, YOU'RE STILL HERE.

SO IF YOU'RE A MAN, DO IT!

MY...

MY HEART...

THUMP

LET'S MOVE TO THE BED?

...FEELS LIKE IT'S GONNA EXPLODE AT ANY MOMENT.

...RIGHT.

YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR SHIRT ON.

You can take it off too, if you want.

WANT TO LEAVE YOUR UNDERPANTS ON ALSO?

IF IT'S TOO EMBARRASS-ING?

Wa!

EEK!

I can do it from the side.

MAYBE LATER.

JAM

MASTER,

ARE'N'T YOU GONNA TAKE OFF YOURS?

HM?

UMM...

...since I last saw trunks.

It's been a while...

SHUDDER

OH, YEAH. TELL ME SOMETHING.

UWAAA

ANOTHER PERSON'S TOUCHING ME THERE...

I DON'T THINK I'VE HEARD WHAT YOUR NAME WAS.

YUP?!

YOU CALL ME MASTER EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...

Which reminds me...

SAY IT.

GRAB

AHH!

IT'S NOT REALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW...

U U

YOUR FIRST NAME.

I KNOW THAT.

IT'S SANO...

...Ji

...O

Ah, I went too hard on a virgin.

WHAT?

Come on.

HURRY UP.

WAI... U U

THAT'S!

NO!

Ah!

Hey!

THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T WANNA TELL YOU!

YOU'RE CALLED PRINCE?

No shit?

Although the spelling's different.

PRINCE...?*

OUJI...

*T/N: SANO'S OUJI (犬司) IS SPELLED DIFFERENTLY, BUT OUJI COULD ALSO MEAN PRINCE (王子).

But you really do look the part.

I GUESS THERE'S THAT.

WELL,

NO...

It feels awkward?

BECAUSE I'M CALLED PRINCE?

WHY?

HMMM.

I GET TEASED FOR IT ALL THE TIME.

(Even though the spelling's different.)

THE NAME DOESN'T SUIT ME, SO IT'S LIKE A JOKE.

?

CLOSE YOUR EYES.

SHUTS

I'M PUTTING A CONDOM ON YOU.

THANKS...

You're hard and good to go.

YESH!

ALRIGHT, IT'S ABOUT TIME WE PUT IT IN.

TH

UD

HUH?

IF THE SIGHT OF A NAKED MAN TURNS YOU OFF,

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN DO THIS, RIGHT?

NO.

IS IT A FETISH OF YOURS OR SOME-THING...?

WHY THE BLINDFOLD?

I...

I SEE...

AH.

MY UNDER-WEAR GOT STOLEN.

YES...

I'M PUTTING IT IN, SO STAY STILL.

IT'S SQUISHY AND...

...HOT.

WHO-

WHOA!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

IT'S IN.

YES...

BUT YOU'RE MUCH MORE PRINCE-LIKE THAN ME.

HUH...?

HOW SO?!

YOU SAID IT DIDN'T SUIT YOU OR WHAT-EVER.

EARLIER, ABOUT YOUR NAME...

CREAK

THAT TIME WHEN THOSE GIRLS WERE HITTING ON ME,

YOU SAVED ME, DIDN'T YOU?

BACK THEN,

I WAS REALLY MOVED.

CREAK

CREAK

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY...

I'll need...

MY FAIR SHARE OF COURAGE...

ARE YOU EMBARRASSED?

... WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?

AH!

EH?

WHY DON'T YOU TRY MOVING?

HIS BATED BREATH...

Nh

...AND VOICE.

Ah

Ah

Ha

Ah

THE FEEL...

...OF HIS SKIN.

Ah

HOLD ON TO MY WAIST.

And bear down.

...HUH?

WHY DID YOU REMOVE IT?

GRAB

!

AH!

AH!

THA

WAIT, YOU'RE MOVING TOO MUCH ALL OF A SUDDEN.

EVEN SO, YOU...

AH.

YOU-

BECAUSE I FELT LIKE I COULD DO WITHOUT IT...

CREAK

CREAK

NH.

HA!

AH!

AH.

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

AH.

YOU'RE AWAKE.

NHH...

MORNING.

WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

OH YEAH, YOUR PHONE'S BEEN RINGING LIKE CRAZY.

UM

OH!

CHEERS.

...

I think it's in my front pocket...

RUMMAGE

RUMMAGE

I JUST DID IT WITH THIS PERSON...

I need to go home right away.

DINNER'S READY, IT SAYS.

AHH...

SOMETHING WRONG?

I SLEPT TOO LONG.

Crap.

WHOA!

BEEP BEEP BEEP

MOM

WHERE ARE YOU?

OH, NO. I WAS OUT COLD, AFTER ALL.

SORRY. I SHOULD'VE WOKEN YOU UP.

... YOU ***WERE*** SERIOUS ABOUT READING.

AH!

THE BOOKS!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

U

I'LL GIVE YOU MY RECOM-MENDATIONS.

Go change your clothes.

TAKE THESE THREE FOR NOW.

OH, AND...

IF YOU DON'T MIND, CAN I HAVE YOUR CONTACT ADDRESS?

Ahh. RIGHT, YOU CAN'T RETURN THEM IF YOU CAN'T REACH ME.

You're quite respon-sible.

I HAVE...

...LOST MY VIRGIN STATUS.

...

WHAT DO I DO IF HE THINKS I'M USING RETURNING HIS BOOKS AS AN EXCUSE.

ALTHOUGH HE'S THE FIRST ONE TO SUGGEST IT.

SO HE'S CALLED...

...FUJITA TOUMA.

FUJITA TOUMA

TO BE HONEST,

MY NERVES WERE SO BAD, I DON'T REMEMBER HALF OF WHAT HAP-PENED!

IDIOT!

And I even slept there! (was out like light)

I'll need to reflect on this!

IT DIDN'T HELP THAT...

...IT WAS PITCH BLACK FOR LIKE MOST OF IT!

'coz of the blind-fold.

BUT I CAN'T EVER TELL HIM.

I'm sure he'd understand.

NO, I'M SURE OKA-PI WOULD THINK SO, TOO.

WHAT DO YOU CALL IT WHEN A GUY THINKS A GUY IS HOT?

MASTER LOOKED HOT. ANYWAY, HE LOOKED HOT, OKAY.

AM I WEIRD?

I GET HARD.

WHENEVER I REMEM-BER...

WHOA! SANO-CHIN'S READING A BOOK!!!

And it's not manga!!!

BUZZ OFF.

I READ BOOKS, TOO.

BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU READ ONE...

IS IT AN IDOL'S INFLUENCE?

I FREAKIN' HATE YOU, GUYS!

That makes sense.

HE'S ONLY READING SO WOMEN WOULD SEE HIM IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT AND SWOON!

That's all there is.

... ONCE I'VE FINISHED READING THIS BOOK,

I'LL CONTACT HIM.

LET'S STOP READING IN FRONT OF THESE PRICKS.

Yoohoo!

I MEAN, WE'VE ALREADY...

...DONE THAT.

THAT MEANS WE'RE CLOSE, RIGHT?

Or something?

I COULD SEND HIM A CASUAL MESSAGE.

ME HAVING THOSE IS WISHFUL THINKING.

WHAT "SELF-CONFIDENCE" AND "COMPOSURE"...

AND THE DIRTY THOUGHTS WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE...

I'm really done for.

WHAT DO I SAY?!

NO, THE EMBARRASSMENT WOULD KILL ME!

"Yoohoo!" my ass.

THERE'S LOADS I WANNA ASK HIM.

I WONDER WHY MASTER DID THAT WITH ME.

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T OVERDO IT.

YES!

Hmm.

SAY, CAN I PLAY BASEBALL THIS WEEK?

OOH!

THIS WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

It's a movie rental.

CD DVD レンタル

オーバーハングドゥーム

100 円

WHOOSH

Welcome!

A MOVIE SOUNDS NICE AFTER A LONG TIME.

IF I'M NOT CAREFUL, MY ELBOW COULD ACT UP AGAIN.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, I THINK I'D SKIP EXERCISE FOR NOW.

SAV

WEL...

Hmm.

Ah.

Welcome!

WESTERN FILMS...

JAPANESE FILMS...

ANI-ME...

YOU LIVE AROUND HERE?

非常口 EXIT

YES...

CLATTER

I-,

I MUST BE BOTHERING YOU.

IT'S FINE. I ONLY CAME TO ASSIST.

I'm from another shop.

Geh! I left my team cap on.

YOU NEVER CONTACTED ME ONCE.

FOUND A GIRLFRIEND?

THAT'S-

HAHAHA

YOU'RE SWINGING YOUR HEAD TOO MUCH.

SWING

SWING

I'LL BE DONE WITH WORK IN ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.

HEY.

AH! YES?

Ah, I swung too hard.

WANNA COME OVER?

WE'RE AT IT AGAIN..

SOMEHOW.

DOES...

...IT HURT?

I'M FINE.

... IS SOMETHING WRONG?

SILENCE

IH

...

HEY.

MY BAD.

.....

BUT YOU'RE FROZEN STIFF.

HAHAHA.

Oh, uh...

YOU TOLD ME NOT TO MOVE ONCE I'M IN...

Ahh.

I DID SAY THAT.

YOU KISS ME INSTEAD.

SLIDE

AT TIMES LIKE THIS,

NH.

...!

YOU MIGHT HAVE A TALENT FOR THIS.

I've never thought about that...

IS THAT SO...

NORMALLY A GUY WOULD GET TURNED OFF RIGHT AWAY, BUT YOU...

FOR GAYNESS.

A TALENT FOR WHAT?

I INVITED YOU OVER.

So don't overthink it.

fluster

...HOW WE ENDED UP DOING THIS AGAIN?

fluster

WELL, THAT'S SIMPLE.

DO YOU WONDER...

I'D LIKE THIS TO CONTINUE.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT,

IN FACT,

AND NATURALLY,

THIS WOULD END ONCE YOU FIND YOURSELF A GIRLFRIEND.

I DON'T FEEL LIKE DATING ANYONE FOR THE TIME BEING.

IN OTHER WORDS,

WE'VE BECOME WHAT SOCIETY WOULD CALL...

...FRIENDS WITH BENE-FITS.

...FOR A PERSON SUCH AS MYSELF.

AND HERE I THOUGHT THIS WORLD IS FAR OUT OF REACH...

GEEZ.

SORRY, I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.

WAIT, SANO-CHIN?

ARE YOU LISTENING?

YEAH, YEAH.

WE'LL BE HANGING OUT AGAIN, ALONG WITH A FEW OTHERS.

AND YOU NEED TO COME THIS TIME.

THAT TIME I WAS ASLEEP?

YOU REMEMBER THAT GIRL I WANTED TO INTRODUCE TO YOU BUT COULDN'T?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, OKA-PI?

WHEN?

THIS SATUR-DAY.

You're made up.

NOPE.

AH.

THAT SHE IS.

I even have a pic.

I'M TELLING YOU, SHE'S A REAL CUTIE.

LEMME SEE.

HUH. IT'S WEIRD YOU DIDN'T ANSWER RIGHT AWAY.

...

?

SERIOUSLY?

SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'D BE IN YOUR STRIKE ZONE.

I DO UNDER-STAND HOW THINGS BECAME HOW THEY ARE BETWEEN US.

SHE'S CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A BOYFRIEND, Y'KNOW!

HE'S RIGHT.

HIS FAILED RELATIONSHIP BROKE HIS HEART...

...AND MADE HIM LONG FOR THE WARMTH(?) OF ANOTHER.

I WAS JUST AT THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME.

WE'RE JUST CONVE-NIENT...

I want a girlfriend, but can't get one 'cuz I'm a loser.

I'd like to lay off relationships for a while.

I want to get it on.

...FOR EACH OTHER.

FUJITA TOUMA

— TODAY —

DO YOU HAVE TIME SATURDAY NIGHT?

IF I REFUSED,

MAYBE HE'LL LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE,

AND DO THAT KIND OF THING...

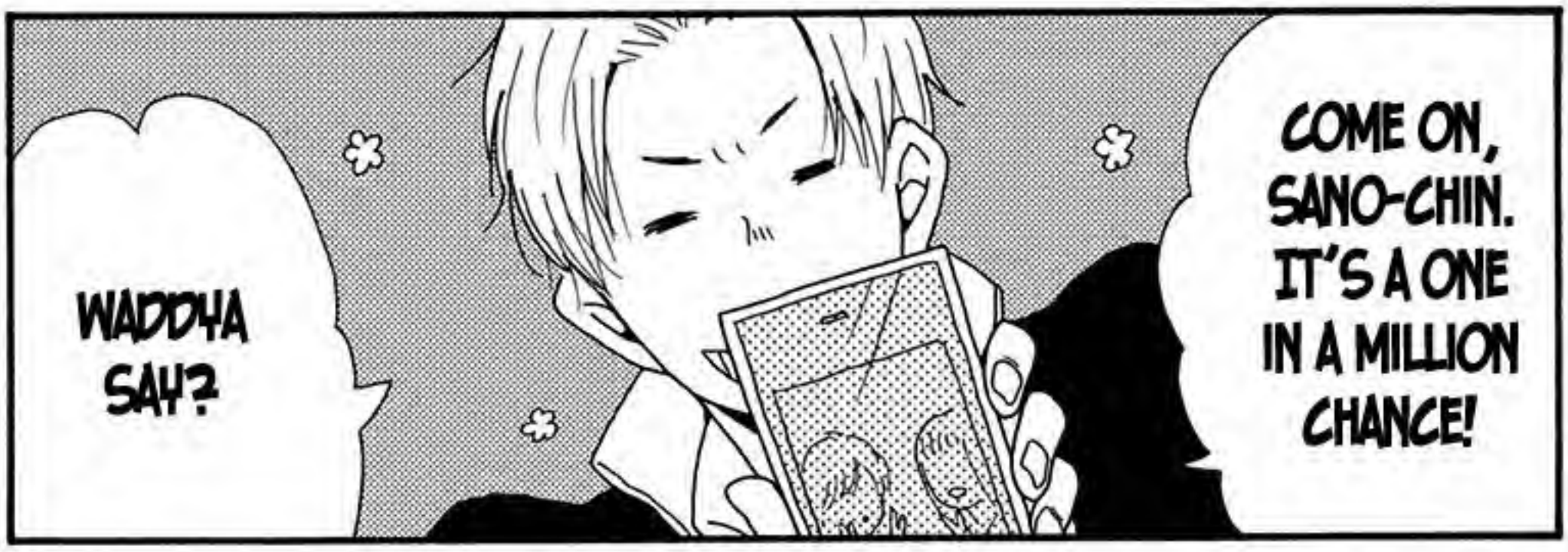
...WITH HIM.

I'M SURE MASTER STILL LOVES HIM.

I MEAN, HE CRIED SO MUCH WHEN THEY BROKE UP.

AND I'M NOT GAY,

WHICH MEANS I'M NOT EVEN A PROSPECT FOR HIM.



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I'M GOING OUT.

I'LL HAVE IT LATER. LEAVE SOME FOR ME.

WHAT ABOUT DINNER?

AGAIN, AT THIS HOUR?

Whoosh

Cold!

DON'T STAY OUT TOO LONG.

YEAAAH.

SINCE THEN,

WE MEET, BUT ALL WE EVER DO IS SCREW LIKE RABBITS.
MASTER AND I HAVE BEEN MEETING AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK.

...HAS A HUGE PART TO DO WITH IT.
ME BEING EASILY SWAYED BY HIS INVITATIONS...

IT'S BOXERS NOW.

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THOUGHT THEY MAKE ME SEEM MORE GROWNUP.

They do..

Whaddya think?

HMMM.

I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR UNDERWEAR.

SO, ARE YOU POPULAR NOW?

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!

Slide

I CAN SEE THE APPEAL.

HIE!

THAT'S TOO BAD.

NOT YET...

HUH? ME?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WHAT...

HE PROBABLY...

...SEES OTHER GUYS ASIDE FROM ME.

HAVE YOU BEEN GOING TO MIXERS...

MEETING PEOPLE, OR...?

OH, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH THIS, HUH.

THERE'S NO ONE IN PARTICULAR.

THERE ARE CIRCLES AND PUBS FOR GAYS, BUT...

PEOPLE IN COLLEGE THINK I'M STRAIGHT,

AND I DIDN'T TELL THEM I'M SINGLE, EITHER.

THAT'S UNEXPEC-TED...

I honestly thought you'd have gone around...

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SO I'VE NEVER GONE TO ONE.

I DON'T DEAL WELL WITH THOSE,

YOU'RE WORRIED I MIGHT BE CARRYING SOME KIND OF DISEASE?

And you might get it from me?

HUH?!

I DON'T HAVE THE WILLPOWER NOR THE STAMINA FOR THAT.

So rest easy.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS IMPLYING...

SWING

SWING

AH.

DON'T TELL ME...

THEN...

THAT MEANS...

DO YOU WANT SOME TOO?

AH!

I'LL HELP!

I REALLY AM THE ONLY ONE.

I'LL MAKE COFFEE.

...HIS EX-BOYFRIEND.

OR RATHER,

LET'S NOT DISREGARD...

I'M THE CLOSEST HE HAS TO A BOYFRIEND.

That part's unclear.

AND THEN THEY SOMEWHAT DATED.

HE WAS A LECTURER IN THE CRAM SCHOOL MASTER WENT TO.

FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM,

I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE ONLY ONE.

LOOKING BACK LIKE THIS,

WE HAD TO SETTLE FOR SEX IN THE TOILET OR IN LOVE HOTELS DURING BREAKS.

BUT STILL, BOTH OF US GOT OUR HANDS FULL WITH EXAMS.

TO-?!

KARMA'S A BITCH.

HE MUST'VE GOTTEN SOME HIGHSCHOOL GIRL PREGNANT IN THE SAME WAY AND IS NOW FORCED TO A SHOTGUN WEDDING.

...WANT PROPER COFFEE-MAKING SUPPLIES.

This would do.

I KINDA...

THAT'S ALL I HEARD, BUT...

BUT I CAN'T DRINK IT IF IT'S TOO BITTER.

IN THAT CASE,

YOU SHOULD LEARN.

How to make it.

SO YOU CAN HAVE SOME TOO.

RIGHT...

THAT WAY, I CAN DRINK DELICIOUS COFFEE.

BUT HE'S TALKING LIKE THERE'S A FUTURE FOR US,

AND WE'RE IN THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP THAT COULD END AT ANY MINUTE,

I KNOW THERE'S NO DEEPER MEANING IN THOSE WORDS,

It's just coffee talk.

SO IT'S GETTING MY HOPES UP.

My once per week excite-ment...

DARN RIGHT...

OFF SEASON'S ALMOST HERE...

IT'S GOTTEN COLD.

9 Tat

THAT'S THE FARTHEST THING FROM HIS MIND, YASSAN.

OH. GET PLENTY OF REST!

IT JUST FEELS A LITTLE NUMB.

NO.

Oh.

WHAT, SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR HIP?

You've been pushing down on it.

THIS CHEEKY BRAT!

UNFOR-GIVABLE!

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

Hya Hya!

WHAAAT?!

HE'S MOVING HIS HIPS IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

HEY!

It's so nice to be young...

I'm telling you that's not it...

Yeah...

STA RE

WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT...?

...HAS BEEN SOARING.

RIGHT...

YOUR RATING AMONG NAO-CHAN'S FRIENDS...

During their lifting test.

YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRACTICE?

I can't do it anyway.

LATELY, FOR SOME REASON...

Who do they think they are?

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS "RATING"?

Hey, that's my girlfriend you're talking about!

I'M JUST TELLING YOU THEY THINK HIGHLY OF YOU!

freaking love-birds...

AM I AN ANIMAL IN A ZOO?

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

I could only do eight.

SANO-CHIN GOT MAD AT ME FOR PRAISING HIM.

Nice job.

YOU CALL THAT PRAISING?

I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

THANK GOD!

OKA-PI, YOU TOO?!

You guys are ass-holes!

YOU'RE NO LONGER SO EAGER TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND,

AND IT'S REFRESHING THAT YOU'RE MORE SUBDUED NOW.

That sort of thing.

SE-RIOUS-LY?

HMM...

RELAX. IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK.

Oka-pi's got a strong grip.

THAT'S IT?! I'D GIVE PENCIL LEAD TO ANYONE ANYDAY!

IF they tell me they need it!

NO... U U

BUT AS OKA-PI SAYS...

SHUT UP!

...

IT MIGHT'VE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HOW YOU GAVE SETO-SAN PENCIL LEAD THE OTHER DAY.

THAT'S PROBABLY NAO-CHAN'S ISSUE.

AH.

I DUNNO ABOUT THAT.

IS THIS A SIGN I'M BECOMING POPULAR...?

I'M NOT AS EAGER FOR A GIRLFRIEND,

AS I AM FOR SOMEONE...

I THINK I UNDER-STAND...

...WHAT OKA-PI'S SAYING.

HA.

AH.

AH.

AH...!

NO!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU...

TO LEAVE MY NECK ALONE...

Ah

!

Although it was on purpose.

CUTE...

Nh

RIING

AH.

creak

creak

...!

RIIIING

JUST IGNORE IT.

IT'S MINE.

...!

I'LL BE HERE TOMORROW.

until two.

YOU'RE NOT FREE TOMORROW? WORK? HUH?

fucking hell.

Sorry.

Sorry.

LOOKS LIKE NAKATSU TOOK MY NOTEBOOK HOME WITH HIM,

SO I'M GONNA GO GET IT.

OH.

YEAH.

AH... YOU'RE GOING OUT?

DON'T YOU DARE BE LATE.

I'LL GO GET IT RIGHT NOW.

He drifts right back to sleep.

Z

I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS.

JUST SLEEP.

PAT

PAT

... 'KAY.

Alright...

ON TOP OF TAKING THESE, I HAD TO MAKE YOU COME HERE.

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY 'BOUT ALL THIS.

PHEEEW.

COFFEE'S FINE.

I'LL TREAT YOU TO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

YEAH, SERIOUSLY.

MENU

ALRIGHT.

HERE YOU GO.

ONE COMPLI-MENTARY COFFEE.

COMING UP.

THAT KID'S COMING HERE, RIGHT? SO I WON'T STAY LONG.

YEAH.

BUT NO NEED TO RUSH.

sir, have you decided which to order?

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK...

HEY...

WHAT?

I'll check if they're here.

I TOLD YOU I'M SORRY.

YOU ACTUALLY TOOK THEM HOME WITH YOU...

I think I mixed in those I borrowed from a previous time.

Whatever makes you happy, I guess.

... YEAH.

HA?

IT'S CUTE, WHAT OF IT?

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THAT SHIRT'S...

Drawing...

SUSUT

Tr-

TRUE, BUT STILL...

Every-one told me....

I ONLY WENT WITH THEM BECAUSE *YOU* WANTED TO GO TO MIXERS!

AND ALSO...

THE GUYS FROM CLASS HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN GOING OUT WITH THEM LATELY.

RIGHT...

Eh?!

I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THIS!

When did this happen?!

Some time ago.

'COZ I DIDN'T TELL YOU.

She's older, right?

I GUESS YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND TO ATTEND TO.

WE BROKE UP.

DID YOU DUMP HER?

SHE DUMPED ME.

I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL...

THAT MAKES IT MORE CONFUS-ING...

BUT YOU SEEM OKAY?

I WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS.

"WASN'T"...

I see.

THANKS FOR THE COFFEE.

AH!

I'M SORRY.

OOPS.

BUMP

I NEED DEETS BY MONDAY, OKAY?

Ah.

DID YOU HAVE TROUBLE FINDING THIS PLACE?

I SAW THE GLASSES GUY BY THE ENTRANCE.

You came in as he went out, huh?

NOPE.

Hi.

Hello. Good day.

... THAT SHIRT HE'S WEARING...

IT'S THE SAME ONE SANO-CHIN OWNS.

TAKERUUU! OVER HERE.

AGAIN WITH THAT WAY OF TALKING...

THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON WHO'D WEAR THAT WEIRD ASS SHIRT...

MENU

I'M BACK.

WELCOME BACK.

Ah.

OPEN

YES.

YOU JUST WOKE UP?

YEAH.

THAT WAS FAST.

WHAT?

OH!

I...

SUSHI

AHH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

That's all I'm missing.

JUST WONDERING WHERE MY SHIRT WENT...

I WAS...

I TOOK IT WITHOUT ASKING.

SUSHI

THE SO-CALLED BOYFRIEND SHIRT?!

REALITY'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I HAD IN MIND.

AND I'M NOT EVEN HIS BOYFRIEND!

He went out like that?

WAIT, ISN'T THIS...

WHEN I SAW THIS, I THOUGHT, "WHAT ON EARTH?"...

HE LOOKS RIDICULOUS IN THAT!

SUSHI

BUT WHY?!

WAIT THERE. I'M TAKING IT OFF THIS INSTANT.

BUT IT'S CUTE, HUH?

YES, IT IS.

POOF

WHOA!

what?

WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN?

THIS ATMO-SPHERE...

A REACTION FOR IT WOULD BE...

AH.

THIS CALLS FOR ONE THING, RIGHT...?

I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU.

LIKE HELL I AM.

My apolo-gies.

ARE YOU OKAY?

AH.

UUUGH...

THEN I'LL BE OLDER BY FOUR YEARS SOON.

NEXT MONTH.

WHEN'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?

WE ONLY HAVE A THREE-YEAR AGE GAP.

youth?

AH, YOUTH...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

TOO SOON.

MY BIRTHDAY'S WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK.

And cover yourself up already.

ACK...

WON'T THIS AFFECT YOUR BASEBALL PERFORMANCE?

IT'S YOUR FAULT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT TO WORK TOMORROW.

AH.

Since it's off season...

I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, NOT UNTIL SPRING.

WHAT...

YOU BASTARD! YOU MADE ME DO IT SO MANY TIMES 'CAUSE YOU'RE ON BREAK?!

I DIDN'T PLAN ANY OF IT, I SWEAR!

BUT I'M SORRY!!!

COUNT ME IN!

THE LOVEBIRDS SEPARATED? THAT'S RARE.

SANO-CHIN, LET'S GO HOME!

SURE!

LET'S DO SOMETHING FUN! WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN A WHILE.

NAO-CHAN IS SEEING HER GIRL-FRIENDS TODAY!

Where do you wanna go?!

AHH...

MY BIRTHDAY'S WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK.

WHAT'S WRONG?

Nah. IT'S NOTHING.

TIME SURE FLIES.

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS.

HAPPY X-MAS

This is tough.

AH!

I SUPPOSE... I COULD GET HIM A PRES-ENT.

THAT'S NOT WEIRD, RIGHT?

THAT'S NOT TOO EXPEN-SIVE...?

WHAT WOULD HE LIKE...

BIRTHDAYS...

Oka-pi, look at this!

What?

TAKING REFUGE...

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

WHAT THE HELL?

RYOU.

HUH?

WA!

IT'S NAO-CHAN!

off

HEY, MAIKO.

YOU CAN'T SAY THAT.

IN THE FLESH~

AHAHA.

THESE ARE RYOU'S FRIENDS I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT.

Gyahaha!

SANO-CHIN, YOU'RE AMAZING.

The one in RYOU-KUN'S phone.

Right?

The really shaky one.

WE SAW A VIDEO OF YOU GUYS.

OH.

YUP, YUP.

I don't really get it, but...

YES, IN THE FLESH.

I SEE.

NO WAY?!

YOU HANDLED THE SITUATION REALLY WELL.

EARLIER, WITH THE GIRLS,

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

That drained me...

REALLY, REALLY NERVOUS!!!

I WAS HELLA NERVOUS!

YOU LOOKED NORMAL, THOUGH.

MY TIME HAS FINALLY COME...

REALLY...

WHOA...

BUT TODAY WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THAT.

WHICH IS PROBABLY A GOOD THING.

Yeah.

See ya.

IT'S TRUE. SHE WAS SUPER CUTE.

SO WHAT SHOULD I DO...

...FOR HIS BIRTHDAY?

HE WENT OUT.

EH

WHERE'S NII-CHAN?

MAMA.

THE LIGHT'S ON...

ONCE I GIVE THIS TO HIM,

SHOULD I...

CONFESS?

I REALLY WANT TO GIVE THIS...

...ON THE VERY DAY, AFTER ALL.

WHILE I WAS CAUGHT UP WITH THE IDEA,

I WOUND UP IN HERE.

Let's hide for now.

WHOOOA! THAT SCARED ME!

WAIT, DO I EVEN HAVE THE GUTS FOR THAT?!

ANYWAY, I BETTER CONTACT HIM FIRST.

I CAN'T JUST SHOW UP UNANNOUCED.

I DON'T HAVE TO BE A SALARYMAN, BUT I WANNA HURRY UP AND GRADUATE.

All I have is my school uniform.

HIS SUIT LOOKS GREAT.

VERY ADULT...

IT'S A TENANT.

THAT'S...

MASTER'S...

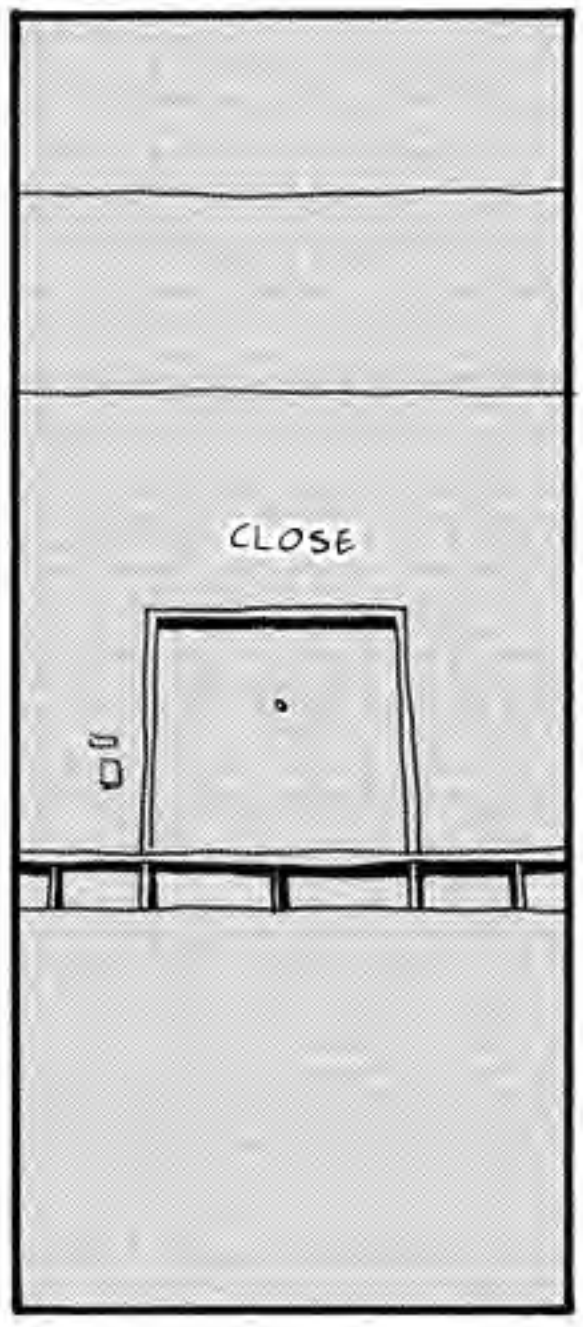
HUH?

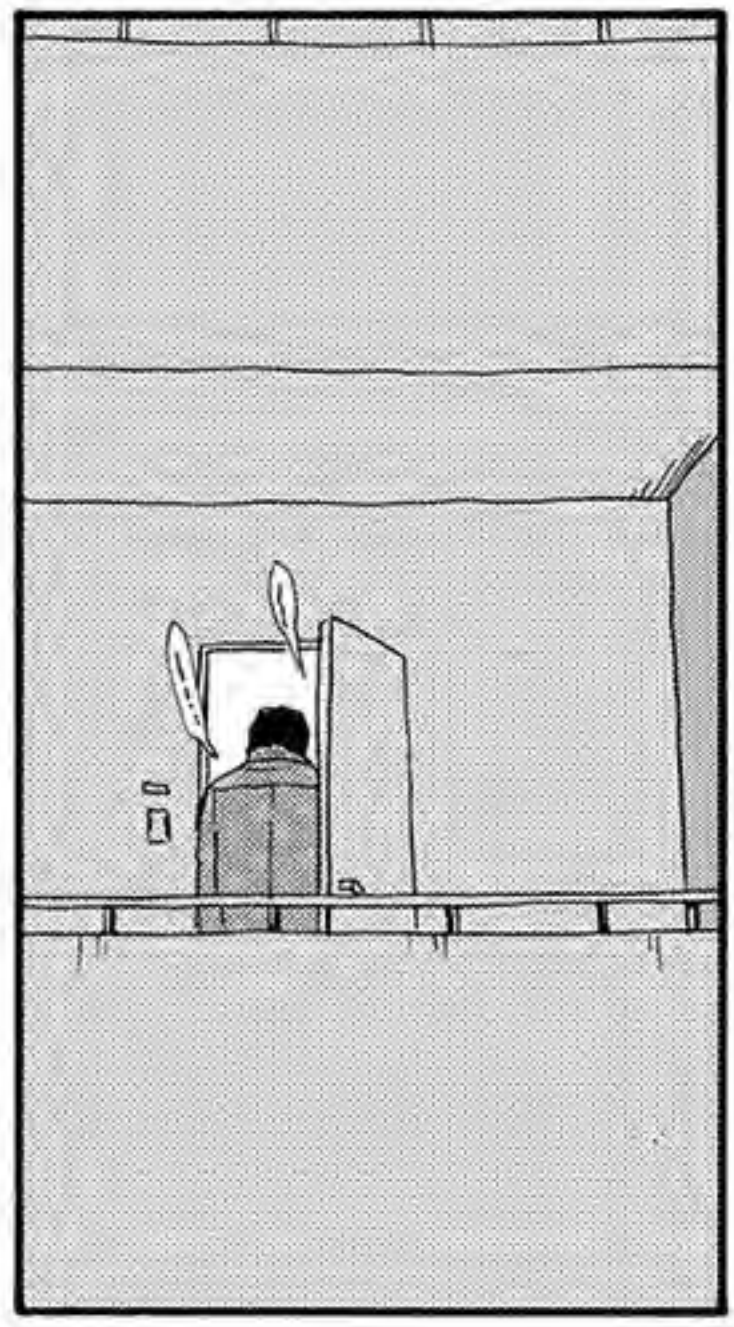
AND MESSAGE HIM ALREADY.

IN ANY CASE, STOP THINKING ABOUT NONSENSE.

I'VE HEARD ONLY A LITTLE ABOUT HIM.

AND I'VE NEVER SEEN WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE.





HE CAN ONLY BE ONE THING.

HE WALKED UP TO THAT ROOM WITHOUT ANY HESITATION...

...AND EASILY WENT IN.

A MALE ADULT,

WHO DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A COLLEGE STUDENT.

ASIDE FROM GETTING BACK TOGETHER, THERE'S NO OTHER EXPLA-NATION FOR THIS...

WHAT'S MORE... HE WENT HERE ON MASTER'S BIRTHDAY.

A SEX FRIEND CAN'T POSSIBLY COMPETE WITH AN EX-LOVER.

IT CAN'T BE... AN AFFAIR?

I THOUGHT HE'S GETTING HITCHED.

BUT STILL, BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, IT'S MASTER'S CHOICE.

SURELY THE NEXT TIME I FALL IN LOVE, IT'D BE A WOMAN.

EVEN THOUGH THINGS ARE THE WAY THEY ARE,

IT DOESN'T MEAN I'M ATTRACTED TO MEN.

TO BEGIN WITH...

THIS KIND OF RELATIONSHIP ONLY STARTED BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE POPULAR.

I CAN STILL TURN BACK.

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WHOA!
POW!
TAKE THAT!
BRING IT!
HA?
SAYS WHAT RULE?
I CALL FOUL!
HOME RUN!!!
The boys are too noisy.
YOUR PHONE'S BEEN RINGING IN THE LAST WHILE.
OH.
OKA-PI, HOW ABOUT PLAYING WITH US NEXT TIME?
PASS.
DING
DONG
DING
DONG
WAS THAT THE BELL?
THEN LET'S CONTINUE NEXT TIME!

Yeah, yeah.

THAT'LL GET CONFISCATED IF YOU DON'T TURN SILENT MODE ON.

WHAT?

SAAA... NOOO.

CONFIS-CATED.

AH.

WHAT THE HELL?

IT'S AS IF...

...NOTHING HAPPENED.

TODAY

DO YOU HAVE PLANS NEXT WEEK?

THIS IS BAD...

I've already opened the message...

YES...

What were you doing?

Class is starting.

YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK AFTER SCHOOL.

AHHH!

Dumbass.

THIS MEANS SOMETHING, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT.

IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE THAT TIME.

OR IS HE...

...WAITING FOR ME...

...TO DO IT?

AS LONG AS YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT.

The faster, the better.

IS HE ENDING THINGS WITH ME, AFTER ALL?

He's not the type to beat around the bush.

YES!

BE MINDFUL NEXT TIME.

STAFF ROOM

KNOWING IS FRIGHTENING.

MA-,

MASTER!

SALE!! SALE!!

I'M SORRY!

I MADE YOU WAIT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I OVERSLEPT ON A DAY LIKE THIS.

HUFF HUFF

...I'M SORRY.

CAN YOU STOP CALLING ME THAT? AT LEAST NOT OUT-SIDE.

YEAH.

OH...

YOU'RE RIGHT...

EH?

COME TO THINK OF IT,

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE MEETING OUTSIDE.

ANYWAY, WHERE'D YOU WANNA GO?

I..

HAVE SOME-THING...

I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT...

...JUST ONE.

HOW MANY SUGAR CUBES...

...WOULD YOU LIKE?

THANKS.

I NEED TO SAY IT...

...RIGHT AWAY.

...

OH, YEAH. THE OTHER DAY,

I...

...ASKED YOU OUT TODAY,

YOU SEE.

UM.

HE WENT O...

WHAT?

BECAUSE I WAS THINKING,

WE SHOULD STOP...

...HAVING SEX.

THAT'S ALL...

...I WANTED TO TELL YOU.

SURE.

ONE WORD.
THAT'S ALL
HE SAID.

AND THAT
WAS IT...
A VERY QUICK
AFFAIR.

WE'RE JUST
FRIENDS WITH
BENEFITS.

IT'S NOT LIKE
WE WERE SEEING
EACH OTHER.

GEEZ,
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH YOU?

You
scared
me.

HAHAHA.

THIS WOULD
HAPPEN ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER.

Ahh...

DON'T MIND ME AND CONTINUE WITH YOUR GAME...

LIKE I COULD.

Man, you really went out of your way.

WHY ARE YOU MOPING AROUND HERE?

... IS IT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT?

And it's noisy.

IF I DID THIS AT HOME, MY YOUNGER SISTER WOULD WORRY...

... FOR NOW.

I'M SORRY...

YEAH, WELL.

... OKA-PI, YOU'RE SO NICE...

I'LL LEND YOU AN EAR ONCE YOU FEEL READY.

BUT I REFUSE TO HEAR HIM TALK ABOUT...

...HOW HE GOT BACK WITH HIS EX!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME?

I WAS THE ONE WHO PUT IT FORWARD,

BUT HERE I AM, BUMMED OUT LIKE I JUST GOT DUMPED.

HONESTLY, I HELD ONTO A SMALL HOPE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO RECEIVE THE DECISIVE BLOW,

SO I MADE A RUN FOR IT.

THAT MAYBE...

...HE WOULDN'T LET ME GO SO EASILY.

HE DIDN'T EVEN ASK WHY...

Waaa!

LONG TIME NO SEE!

DON'T JUST COME IN!

He's a little...

HEY! I HEARD OUJI'S HERE!

GEH!

NEVERMIND, HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S ENJOYING THIS.

You've grown so much...

'sup

SLAM

WATCHA LOOKIN' AT?

OH, THE CLASSIFIED ADS.

JOB HUNTING?

YUP.

I'm looking for more people right now!

WANT ME TO SET YOU UP?

I DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH YOU.

I'll search for a job on my own.

Oh, yeah?!

You found one?

In a convenience store.

Oh, typical.

Got a problem with that?

THUD!

It's hard to place this when there are extras...

...WITH SOMETHING.

I NEED TO PREOCCUPY MYSELF...

Cold

Good job today!

Thanks for the hard work!

you too!

Thanks for the hard work.

IT'S TIME, SO YOU CAN FINISH UP.

YES!

Thanks for the hard work!

SORRY ABOUT THIS. IT MUST BE FREEZING IN HERE.

You've done great work.

IT'S ALL GOOD!

No matter how hard we tried to make him.

HE DRANK TOO MUCH HE COULDN'T GET UP,

SO WE HAD TO TAKE HIM HOME.

GYAHAHA!

LAME!

What a mess.

TALK ABOUT SELF-REST-RAINT.

Uhaha

WOW.

SO HE ATTENDS THE SAME CLASS WITH YOU?

YUP, YUP.

COLLEGE,

THE MONUMENT OF MATURITY.

BOOZE.

WOMEN.

CARS.

Ah, my thesis...

IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD.

I'm saving up for a car.

Legit?

THOSE GUYS ARE ALREADY SENIORS,

WHICH MAKES THEM THREE YEARS OLDER THAN MASTER.

NEW BASEBALL MITTS.

CLOTHES,

OR... GAMES?

WHAT SHOULD I SPEND MY FIRST PAYCHECK ON?

Books

...

DID HE TAKE THE DAY OFF?

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, IT'S THIS SHOP.

I'LL TELL HIM I CAME HERE TO BUY A FILM.

And not because I CAME TO SEE HIM.

I'M GOING HOME.

Hey!

YOU'RE "SANO-CHIN," RIGHT?

AND MAYBE ASK HIM HOW HE'S DOING.

UHHH?

Hallo!

IT'S MAIKO.

Have you forgotten about me?

... I'M SUCH A SISSY.

AH!

YOU'RE UNRECOGNIZ-ABLE IN YOUR NEW HAIR-STYLE.

I wondered who you were.

WHUUUT?

AND YOU'RE MEAN.

SO WHAT'S UP?

... I WAS JUST GOING HOME.

I'm headed for the station.

OH! I'M TAKING THE TRAIN, TOO.

We're the same.

YUP?

HEY.

DO I LOOK WEIRD ANY-WHERE?

AM I CUTE?

You look on point.

I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU HAVE A DATE.

FUFUFU!

Hooray!

NOT WITH MY BOYFRIEND, THOUGH.

AN EX.

IS THIS THE TREND THESE DAYS?

WHAT'S WITH EVERY-ONE?

ANYWAY,

HERE'S ANOTHER ONE OF THEM.

BUT IF WE HOOK UP AGAIN,

THAT WOULD MAKE HIM MY BOYFRIEND, HUH?

I'M afraid he'd be considered your boy-friend

GETTING BACK WITH SOMEONE YOU ONCE BROKE UP WITH?

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

SO HE'S EASY TO BE WITH.

WE UNDER-STAND A LOT ABOUT EACH OTHER,

EH?

HMM.

WHO KNOWS?

HE SEEMS DESPERATE TO GET ME BACK, SO...

AH.

IT'S GREEN.

OH.

HAHAHA.

BUT IF HE TURNS OUT TO BE A **CREEPER** THEN, NOPE.

THERE'S A POSSI-BILITY...?

YO, THAT'S SCARY!

A UNIFORM DATE...

SO THAT'S...

WHY...

I'M BACK.

YEAH.

馬R

SEE YOU AROUND!

I don't know her that well.

HER LOOKS ARE SOMETHING ELSE.

PERSONALITY ASIDE,

I UNDERSTAND WHY HER EX WOULD WANNA GET BACK WITH HER.

Bye-bye!

I HAVE TO ADMIT...

THE TIMING OF THIS CONVERSATION IS IMPECCABLE.

I'VE GOT IT HANDED TO ME!

WE UNDERSTAND A LOT ABOUT EACH OTHER, SO HE'S EASY TO BE WITH.

WAS IT?

FUJITA

ARE YOU FREE THIS FRIDAY?

BRRR

I SCORED TICKETS TO A PRIVATE VIEWING, BUT NO ONE WAS FREE.

WHAT?!

THIS IS...

...UNBELIEVABLE!

I MEAN...

A MIRACLE!

WAAA!

IT'S MY DAY-OFF!!!

WHERE'S IT?!

WAIT...

LET ME...

THIS CAN'T BE REAL!

LET ME CHECK MY SHIFT!

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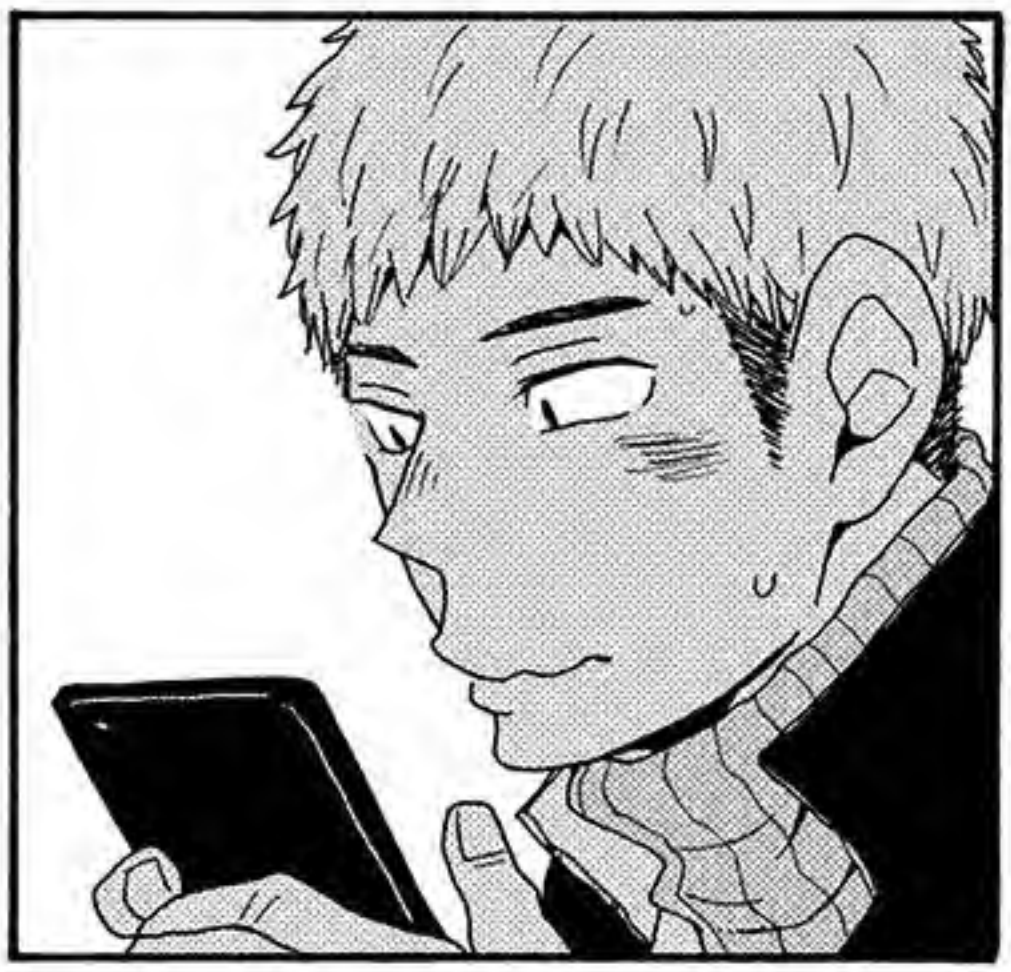
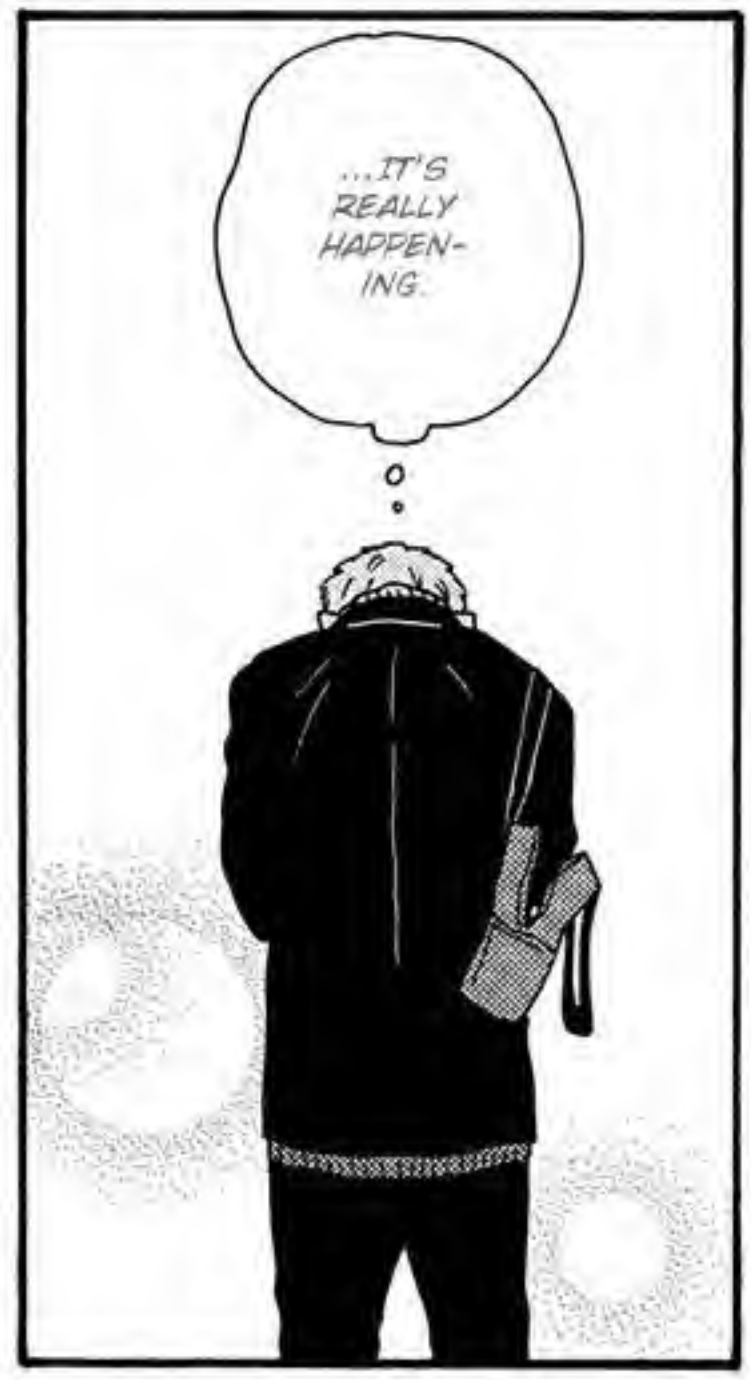


I CAN SEE YOU AGAIN,

MASTER.



Cinema

WHOA!

SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

...

OH.

HERE, AS MY APOLOGY.

careful, it's hot.

MY BAD FOR INVITING YOU OUT OF THE BLUE.

WASSUP!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

FREEZE

'S NOTH-ING!

TODAY, I WAS KEPT BEHIND AFTER SCHOOL,

AND DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME TO GO HOME AND CHANGE.

NO, THE TRADITIONAL UNIFORM'S GREAT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M SEEING YOU...

...IN YOUR UNIFORM.

I LIKE IT.

LET'S GO.

THEY'RE LETTING THE VIEWERS IN NOW.

THEATER 6

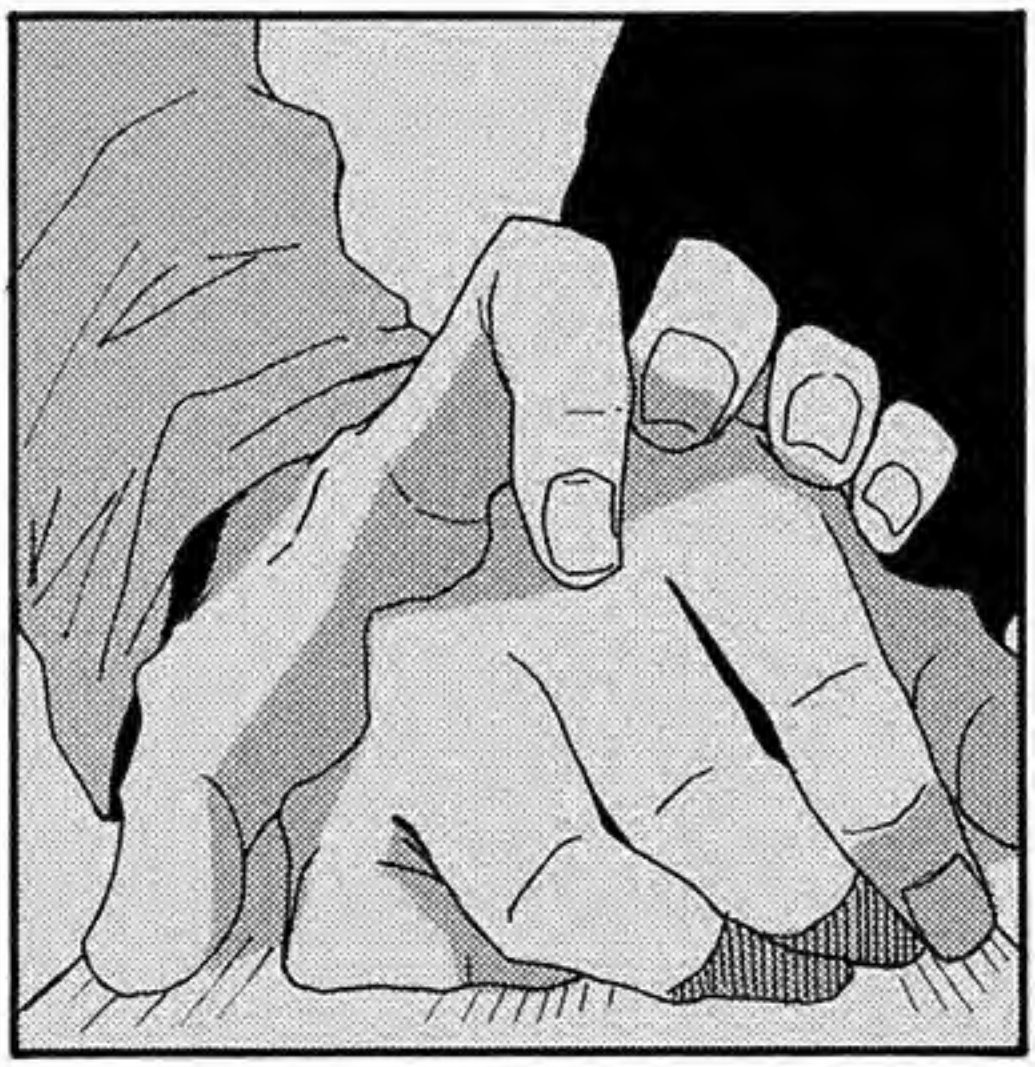
COMING!

LONG LIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES!

I'M STARING TOO MUCH...

BUT IT FEELS LONGER THAN THAT.
...

IT HASN'T BEEN A MONTH...
...SINCE THAT HAPPENED.

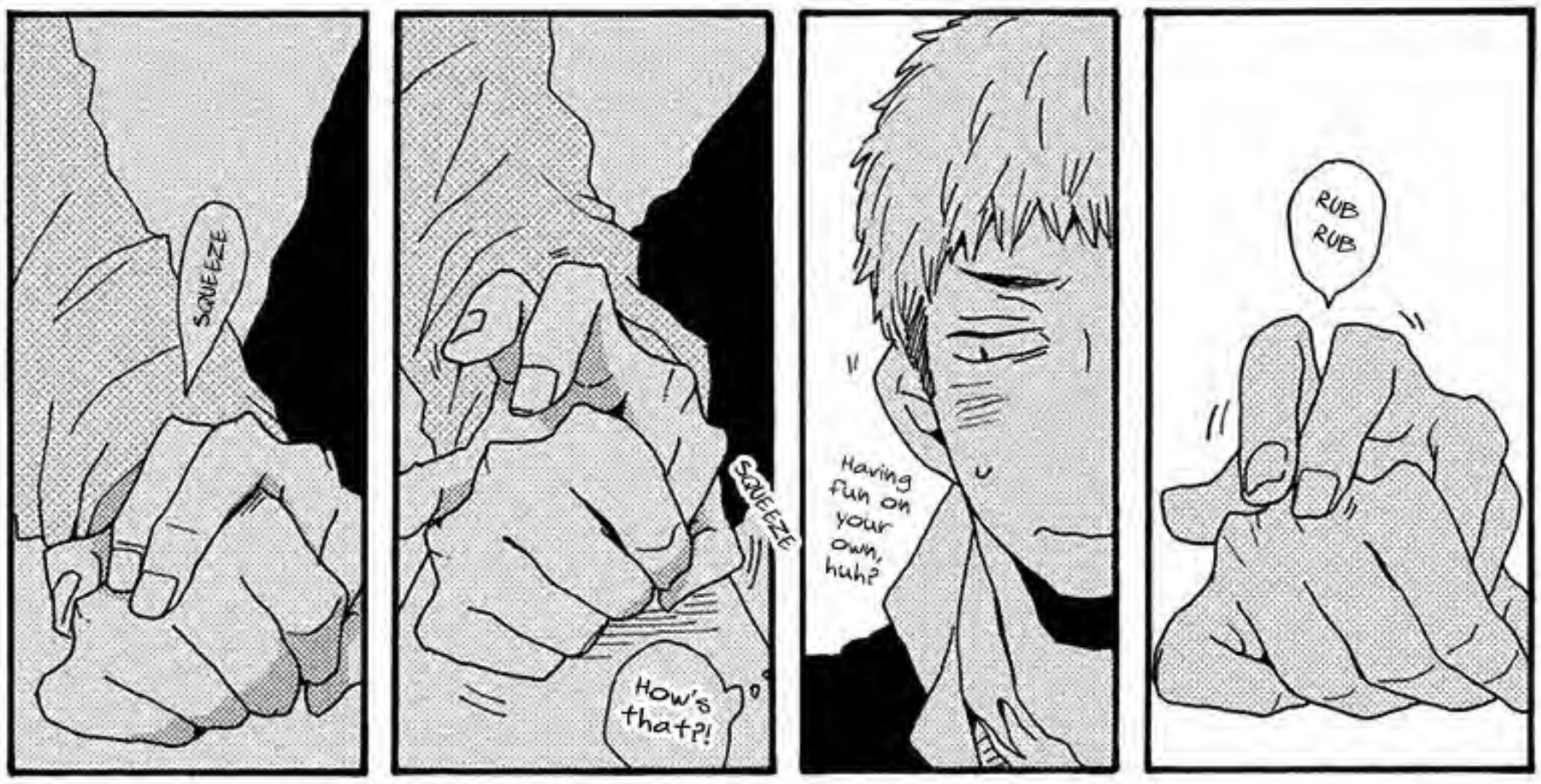


I'm certain this is my armrest...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHY'S HE...?

IS THIS A GAME...?

SLIDE

EH?



...SO WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

YOU ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE...

WELL, THAT'S THAT.

fin.

IT'S TOO COLD IN HERE, DON'T YOU THINK?

YEAH...?

I'VE TO SAY...

I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE HALFWAY THROUGH...

SIGH

SO I WAS ONLY A HAND WARMER.

AH.

OH, I SEE.

HE DID THAT TO KEEP WARM.

USE THIS, IF YOU LIKE.

Embarrassing...

My younger sister makes me draw this all the time. Pretty good, right?

IT'S A MARK.

OKA-PI TENDS TO SWIPE MY HAND WARMERS, SO I DREW THIS ON.

I SEE...

I meant this drawing here.

I'M AWARE...

AH.

IT'S A HAND WARMER.

THE HELL'S THIS?

... THANKS.

IT WILL KEEP YOU WARM UNTIL THE MORNING.

BRRR

NO,

I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU OUT, SO THANKING ME IS KINDA...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

...FOR TODAY.

AH.

BRR

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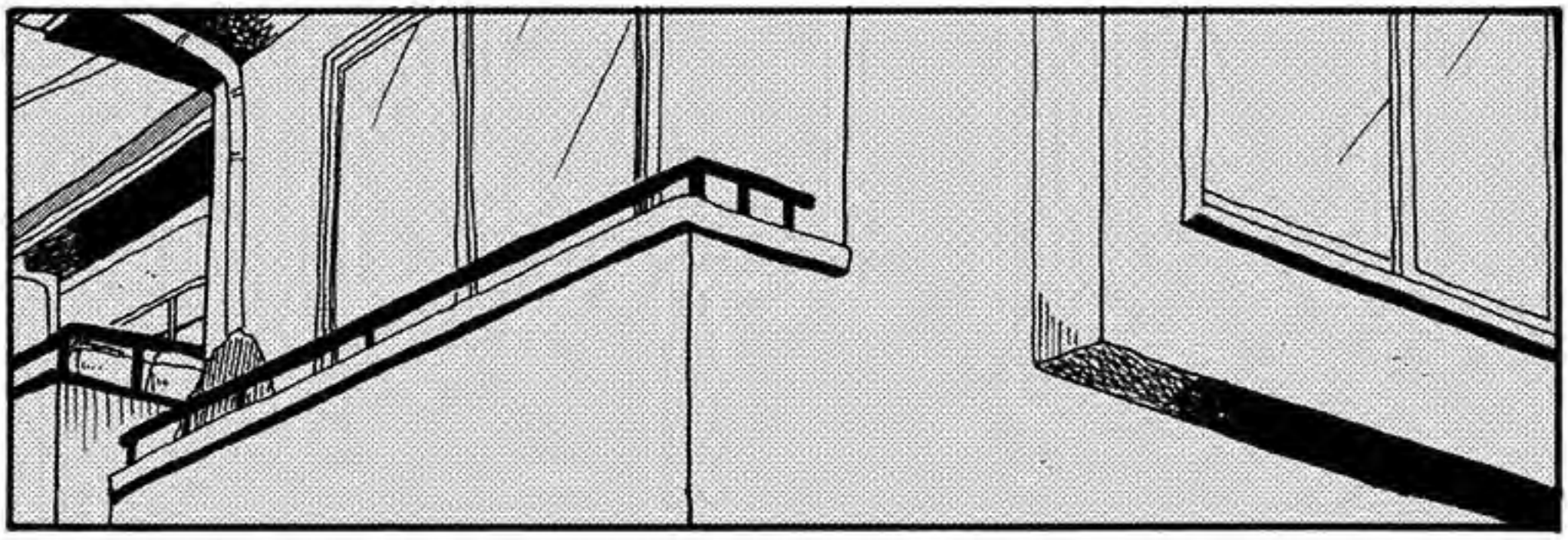
THEN,

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.

OH...

OKAY.

BRR



I'M HOME.

AND STARVING.

AT THIS HOUR?

FEED ME.

YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME YOU'RE EATING HERE, SO I COULD'VE LEFT YOU SOME FOOD.

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT.

I THOUGHT I COULD LEARN HOW TO USE IT...

HUH?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BOUGHT THAT.

THEN NOW'S YOUR CHANCE.

... BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW.

While I fix you up some-thing.

YOU MAKE THE COFFEE.

UGH. FINE, FINE.

AYUMI WILL HAVE A CAFE AU LAIT.

put lots of milk!

Welcome back!!

NII-CHAN, MAKE ONE FOR AYUMI TOO.

SO YOU CAN HAVE SOME TOO.

I KINDA WANT PROPER COFFEE-MAKING SUPPLIES.

I JUST LET THIS DRIP FOR 30 SECONDS?

BUT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL IF IT'S READY OR NOT.

IT WOULD BE A WASTE...

...TO THROW THIS AWAY.

THE TOUCH OF HIS SKIN.

HIS HEAT.

EVEN THOUGH...

...WE'VE DONE WAY MORE THAN THAT.

I THOUGHT MY HEART WOULD BURST RIGHT OUT OF MY CHEST.

DRIP

WHAT'S THIS FEEL-ING?

IT HURTS SO MUCH.

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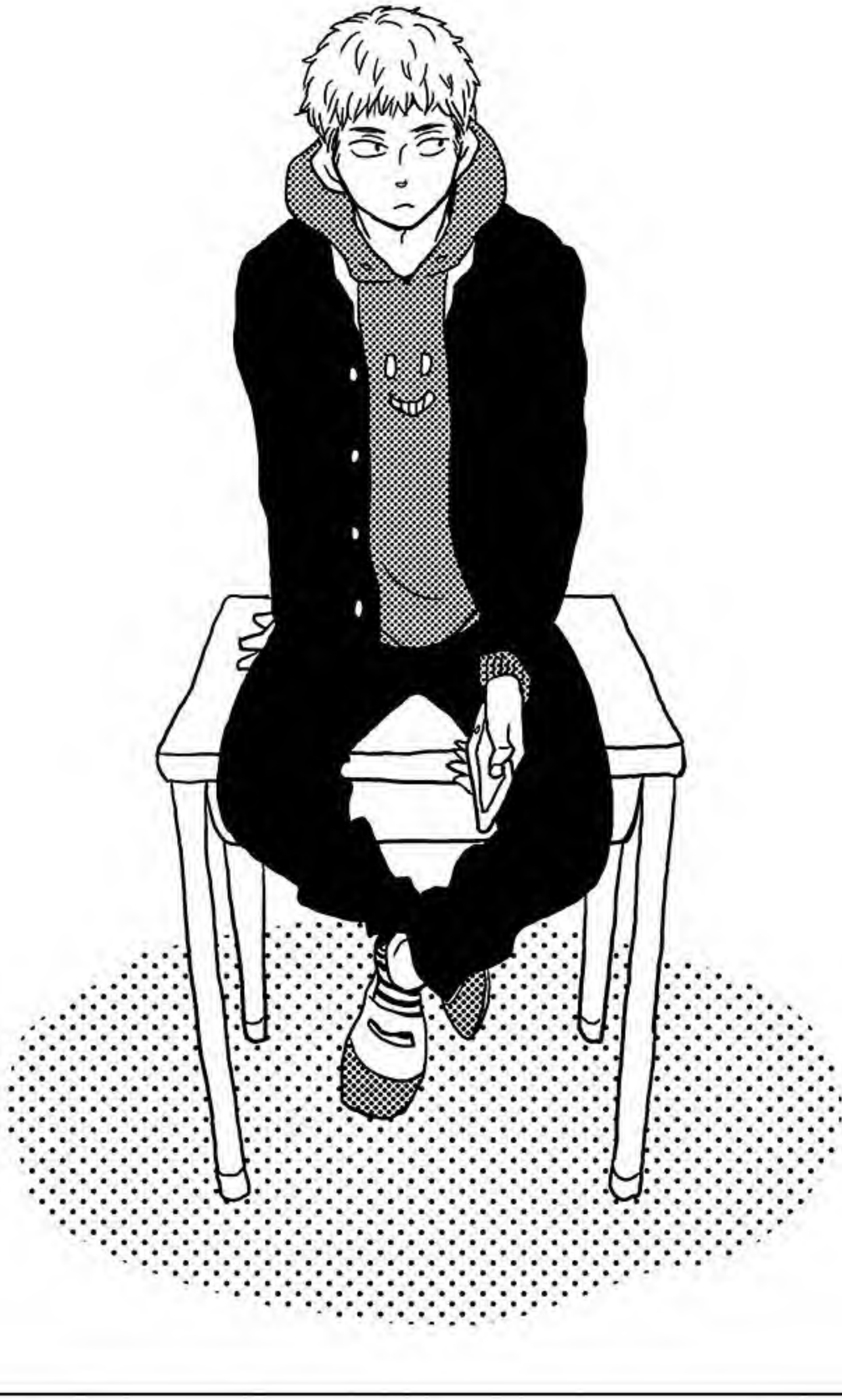
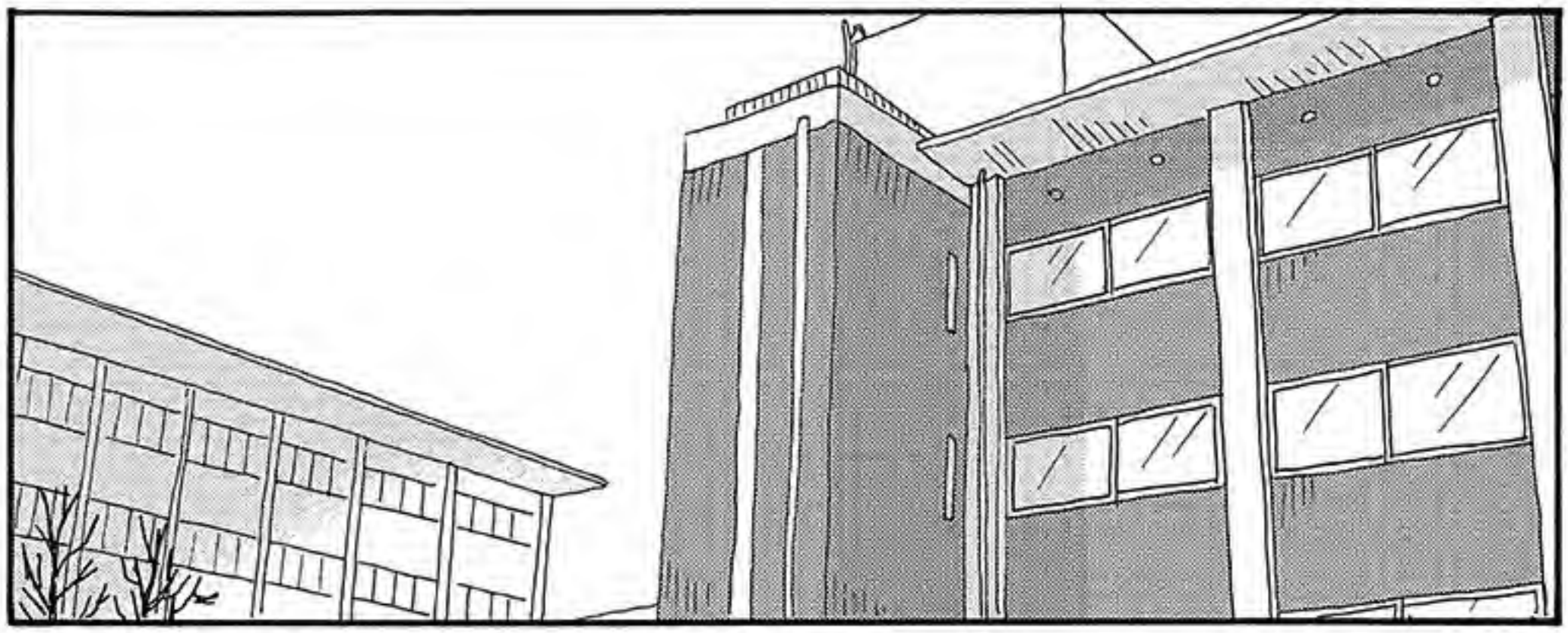




WHAT?
YO.
I THOUGHT YOU'D GET HERE BE-FORE ME.
It's so cold.
I SAW YOU WALK-ING AHEAD OF ME.

'SUP.

PRINCE, ARE YOU COLD?

IT'S FREEZING...
HAAA

Ahh.
I HAD TO MAKE A CALL, SO I WENT OUT-SIDE.
OH... I see.

You never cease to amaze me.

WELL, LUCKY YOU.

It's heart-shaped.

I DIDN'T KNOW THESE THINGS EXIST.

JUST GIVE IT BACK AFTER THE LECTURE.

FOR REAL?

I'LL LEND YOU THIS.

??

THEN WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

By that girl?

FAR FROM IT.

SHE'S THE ONE WHO APPROACHED YOU.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT HER.

I'M NOT...

...HATED, AM I?

...YOU FOUGHT WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

Well, then...

IT'S NOTHING.

I ASSUMED YOU MOVED ON TO THE NEXT ONE.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

I remember.

Did you forget?

...NEED I REMIND YOU WE BROKE UP?

I JUST HOPE IT'S ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING ON MY PART.

THAT'S ON YOU FOR MAKING ASSUMPTIONS.

Whaaat? NO way.

BEEP

WHAT'RE YOU EATING?

HE WASN'T LIKE THIS BEFORE.

LATELY, MASTER HAS BEEN SENDING ME STRANGE MESSAGES.

You're snapping it half-eaten?

SNAP

I GOT SOME-THING TO TELL YOU, SANO-CHIN.

That's what Oka-pi said

YOU SNAPPED IT HALF-EATEN?

I THINK I'M GETTIN CURRY UDON, TOO

I'M HAVING CURRY UDON...

...AND A RICE BALL.

BAD NEWS. I HEARD SHE...

IT'S ABOUT MAIKO-CHAN...

UHH.

YEAH?

I learned about it just now.

WE MET THE OTHER DAY. BY CHANCE.

THE PERSON HERSELF TOLD ME.

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

OH... REALLY.

...GOT BACK WITH HER EX?

EH?!

WHAT...

HOT.

SLURP SLURP SLURP

Can you not spray me with soup?

GOOD FOR HER.

SHE LOOKED HAPPY.

WELL, HE *IS* A YEAR OLDER YESTERDAY.

THIS IS NUTS. YOU'RE ACTUALLY MATURING...

BUT YOU'RE THE HOTHEAD HERE...

I'M offended

THAT'S NO REASON FOR ME TO GET MAD AT YOU.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE MAD AT ME SINCE I INSTIGATED THE WHOLE THING!

I WONDER HOW THINGS WENT WITH MASTER.

COME TO THINK OF IT,

AH!

sorry, it was Sunday yesterday, so...

YOU'RE RIGHT!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAND OVER MY GIFT.

BESIDES, WE DON'T TALK ABOUT THIS STUFF, EITHER.

MOSTLY BECAUSE I REFUSE TO HEAR IT.

EXCEPT THAT TIME I SAW HIM UPSET AND CRYING.

Well, he did get dump-ed...

HE WAS NEVER THE ONE...

...TO SHOW HIS EMOTIONS,

...

I'LL HOOK YOU UP WITH A NICE GIRL!

I DOUBT HE'D NARRATE HIS LOVE LIFE TO A BRAT ANYWAY...

FOR MY GIFT...

We've hung out for years now...

TOOK YOU TOO LONG TO NOTICE!

YOU'RE AN ANGEL.

LET'S RESTOCK THE CIGS TOO.

SLIDE

'KAY.

COFFE

OH.

THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK.

YOU TOO.

NO NEED TO BAG IT. I'LL DRINK IT RIGHT AWAY.

LIVER BOOSTER

THUNK

WELCOME.

THANKS, MAN!

I'LL INFORM YOU IF THERE ARE CUTE GIRLS.

SURE.

I'LL CATCH UP LATER.

ARE YOU GOING OUT FOR A DRINK?

THAT'S RIGHT.

...UPDATE ME ON THAT "PRINCE" GUY, WILL YOU?

AND...

OH!

IT'S A MIXER.

OF COURSE...

SO I'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

Okay!

BUT DON'T SEND PICS.

EH?!

SWING

IT LOOKS LIKE...

...HE'LL BE AT TODAY'S MIXER.

I GOT IT.

Don't get me wrong.

SANOCCHI, "PRINCE" DOESN'T REFER TO YOU.

Hm?

... YEAH, I DO WONDER HOW HE'D LOOK LIKE...

I KNOW, RIGHT?!

He's friends with a senpai of mine.

SO I'M INTERESTED IN SEEING WHAT KIND OF GUY HE IS.

WHEREVER HE GOES, THE GIRLS SEEM TO FOLLOW.

...

What's up?

Me too.

Eh?

I'll go.

Really? Prince is coming?

BY THE TIME OUR SHIFT ENDS,

HE'D PROBABLY BE AT THE KARAOKE ALREADY.

DO YOU WANNA COME AND TAKE A LOOK?

BUT HE'S NOT...

...IS HE?

NO, NO.

I'M-,

I'M THE KARAOKE KING!!!

OOH!

NICE!

カラオケ

KYA

KYA

DO YOU WANT TO ANYTHING?

FOOD

WHAT SONGS ARE POPULAR AMONG HIGH-SCHOOLERS THESE DAYS?

UMM...

UHH...

In another world.

WHAT DIMENSION IS THIS?!

HEY~ WHERE'S THE PRINCE?

AND THEY'RE NICE TO ME FOR SOME REASON!

IT SMELLS SWEET EVERY-WHERE.

Unlike the girls in my class...

I lost sight of my goal.

RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE FOR.

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE OFF YOUR COAT?

YES, MA'AM!!

YE-,

ARE YOU NERVOUS?

MENU

SANO-KUN, DO YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND?

Say,

I'LL HAVE A BEER.

OPEN

Whose song is this?

HE SHOULD BE BACK BY NOW.

WHEN YOU WERE AT WORK, HE GOT A CALL AND WENT OUT.

PLEA-SURE TO MEET YOU.

Oooh!

Ma-,

Wel-come back.

STANDS

...

ARE YOU THE FAMED PRINCE-SAN?

HEY.

ERR...

So which is it?

Fufufu

I WAS RIGHT!

TOILET

WHY ARE *YOU* HERE?

AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

I'M SOCIALIZING.

WHAT ELSE WOULD I BE DOING?

I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME...!

I COULD GO FOR THAT GUY FROM YOUR WORK-PLACE.

The bearded one.

A MIXER FULL OF GIRLS ISN'T HOW I...

OH,

BUT...

DO you know?

IS HE GAY?

I'VE NO IDEA!

How should I know that?!

YOU'LL BE MY TICKET HOME.

SORRY?

I FEEL LIKE GOING HOME NOW.

BUT PERFECT TIMING.

ARE YOU DRUNK?

I'M NOT.

AND THE REST IS UP TO YOU.

I'LL PRETEND I'M WASTED,

SO YOU CAN DROP THE ACT.

WE'RE OUTSIDE NOW...

TAKE CARE...

MY PLACE IS NOT FAR FROM HERE. I'M GETTING A CAB.

OKAY...?

TAXI

HMM...

VROOM

WAI-...

He's totally drunk.

ALRIGHT?

608

HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA STAND THERE?

I'll pour you tea.

HOW AM I HERE AGAIN...?

... SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION...

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE...

...WHAT HE AND HIS BOYFRIEND DID HERE.

I SHOULD'VE RAN STRAIGHT HOME...

...THE MOMENT WE GOT OFF THE CAB.

I CAN'T DO THIS, AFTER ALL.

THIS IS...?

GO HOME...

UH, MASTER.

I THINK I SHOULD...

I'M SORRY...

BUT,

UM.

WHOA!

JUMP

DON'T TOUCH MY STUFF WITHOUT PERMIS-SION.

IT'S MINE,

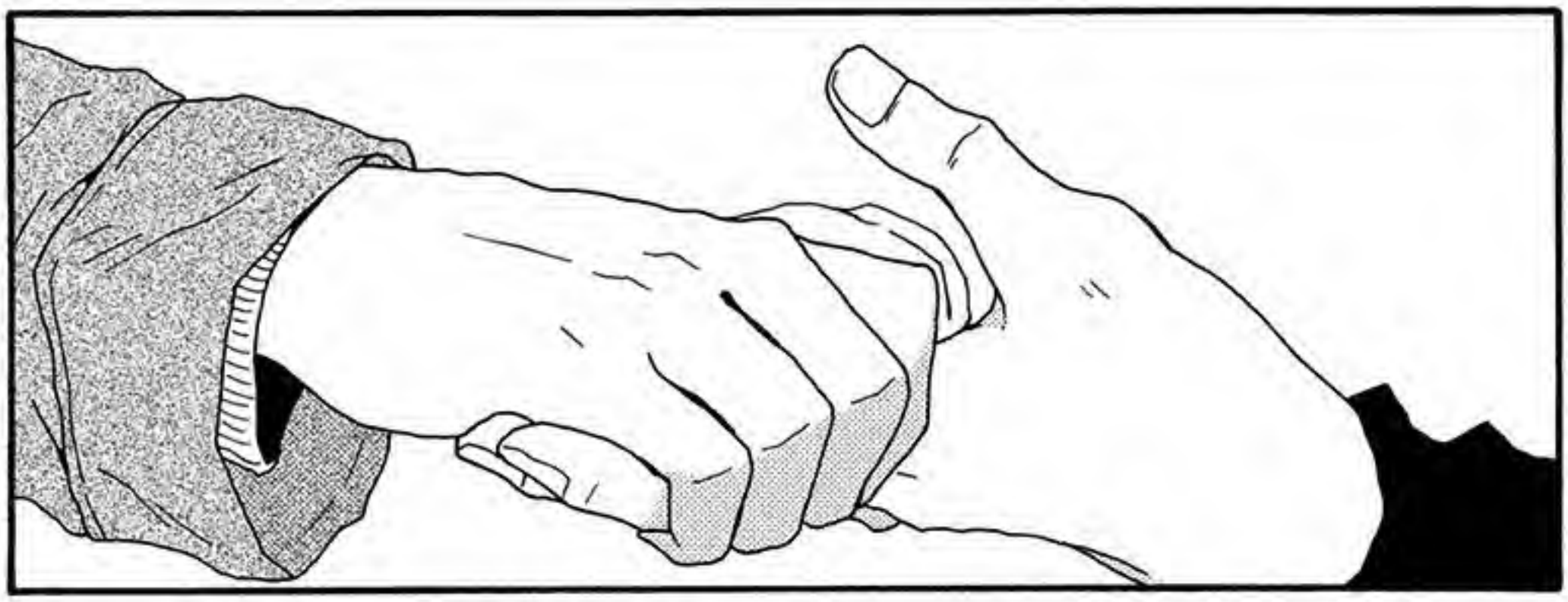
SO I'LL DO WHAT I WANT.

DID YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK?

WHY DIDN'T YOU THROW THIS AWAY...?

GIVE IT BACK.

THAT THING.



BUT THIS IS JUST RUBBISH... SO WHY?

BECAUSE YOU GAVE IT TO ME.

NH.

Nh.

Nh.

Ha...

KISS

Mh.

KISS

... I'M SORRY.

FOR DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

squelch

BUT BEFORE...

I GO HOME...

PLEASE LEND ME YOUR TOILET.

WIPE

WIPE

NOW I'VE DONE IT.

I KISSED HIM VERY PASSIONATELY.

AND NOW I'VE GOT...

A FULL HARD-ON!!!

I WANNA DISAPPEAR!

WOOHOO!

DO I WAIT FOR THIS TO SETTLE DOWN?

OR WOULD IT BE FASTER TO BEAT IT OFF?

WAIT.., I NEED TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT THIS FIRST.

Expect this, 'all right!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE EXPECT-ED!

AND FOR RETURNING THE HAND SQUEEZE!

IT'S HIS FAULT FOR SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT!

HE DIDN'T PUSH ME AWAY BECAUSE HE'S DRUNK...

...RIGHT?

Okay!

LET'S GET FAPPING!

GRIP

OPEN

WHILE WALKING

IF I DO NOTHING NOW...

...IT **WILL** BE BACK WHEN I REMEMBER.

IN THE TRAIN

AS I SAID,

I'LL JERK YOU OFF.

HUH...?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT.

"WHY"...?

YESH!

GRAB

YOUR HANDS ARE IN THE WAY.

AH.

WHY?

NONO-NONO!

HOLI CAN'T!

NO-

TH

PLEASE STOP!

UD

Ah

I pushed too hard.

WAAAAA

I'M SOOORRY

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!

... OW.

EEEEEEEEEEEE

EEE

GRAB

CREAK

MAS-

CLOSE

OPEN

...

UMM...

MASTER...

... THAT WAS FAST.

YOU'VE ALREADY DONE YOUR BUSINESS.

... IT WENT LIMP, AS YOU'D EXPECT...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU'RE NOT HURT OR ANYTHING, ARE YOU?

I'M SORRY.

A MOUN-TAIN...

...IF YOU SERIOUSLY WANKED AFTER PUSHING SOMEONE THAT HARD.

OF COURSE.

YOU'RE DESPICABLE...

HAVE YOU DONE IT WITH THAT HIGH SCHOOL GIRL?

THOSE WOMEN REALLY FAWNED OVER YOU.

I mean, of course he'd get mad, but he's burning with fury right now.

GOOD FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?

...

OKAY, YOU'RE HAM-MERED.

I'M NOT DRUNK!

STUPID.

WHATEVER, I DON'T REALLY CARE.

...AT'RE YOU ...KING OUT?

"High school girl"?

THAT'LL SERVE YOU RIGHT! STUUUPID.

STUPID.

I HOPE YOUR DICK MALFUNC-TIONS AT YOUR AGE!

GET YOUR SORRY ASS DUMPED!

That's way too many stupid's.

WHAT THE HELL'S THE FUTON FOR ANYWAY?!

WHOA! STOP IT, IDIOT!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!

yank

yank

creak

creak

creak

YOU...

CREAK

PLEASE LET ME CHECK!

ANYWAY, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT HURT?

THIS IS WHY YOU'RE STUPID!

STUPID.

A FALL LIKE THAT WOULDN'T HURT ME!

YOU'RE INFURIATING, THAT'S WHY.

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!

I KNEW IT. YOU'RE HURT AND YOU'RE NOT TEL-

ALRIGHT! YOU'RE SO ANNOYING!

!?!?

I've had enough of your stupid

WHAT-EVER...

IT PISSES ME OFF THAT YOU HIDE IT!

AND YOUR APOLOGIES ARE NO BETTER!

Hey!

OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR A WOMAN?

OH, YEAH? DON'T KISS ME, THEN.

YOU REJECT ME WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. WHY?

BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RECEIVED A MAN TO YOUR PLACE. I SAW HIM GO UP HERE.

BESIDES,

HUH...?

UMM...

YOU'VE BEEN GOING ON AND ON ABOUT WOMEN AND HIGHSCHOOL GIRLS,

BUT I'VE GOT NOTHING TO HIDE FROM YOU. AT LEAST NOT IN THE WAY YOU'RE THINK-ING.

SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU BOTHER WITH ME.

YOU GOT BACK WITH YOUR EX, DIDN'T YOU?

Aren't you getting the wrong idea?

...

THIS IS GIVING ME A HEAD-ACHE.

THAT'S WHY YOU CUT YOURSELF OFF FROM ME?

PUSH

!

WE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO AWAY WITH OUR LITTLE SETUP.

BUT GETTING BACK WITH HIM...

...WAS NEVER THE PLAN.

I DON'T DENY HE WENT HERE,

NO...

NOTHING WOULD CHANGE.

I LOVE YOU,

SO...

I WANT ALL OF YOU.

I WANT THE WHOLE THING.

...BODY.

NOT JUST YOUR..

YOU'D BE FINE IF I GOT SOPPING WET, STICKY, AND REAL DIRTY WITH SOME RANDOM GUY...

...IS THAT IT?

!!

mmm

BUT...

AHAHAHA! LOOK AT YOU!

THIS PERSON...

IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL,

THEN DON'T DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM ME.

PAT

SHALL WE PUT AN END TO THIS PURELY PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP?

Nghhhh

YOU EVEN CRIED?

...LOVE ME SO MUCH,

YOU...

Okay, I got cocky. I'M sorry.

YOU'RE EARLY...

I HAVE THE MORN-ING SHIFT TODAY!

OH...

DO your best.

... WHAT?

...!

...

I'LL CALL YOU LATER AT NIGHT OR MAYBE SEND A TEXT!

OKAY.

REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE?

YOU...

...MISTOOK ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE AND HUGGED ME. AND UHH... I WAS THINKING...

...THAT MAYBE YOU COULD DO IT AGAIN?

Please?

YEAH?

FIDGET

FIDGET

I've dreamt about this.

But sure...

SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED, HUH.

PLOP

Embar-
rassing...

...WHEN YOU HAVE TO SAY IT LIKE THAT.

IT'S A LITTLE AWKWARD...

AS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

YEAH, WHATEVER.

AND STOP CALLING ME "MASTER."

I CAN'T STOP NOW!

SHUT UP.

YOU MEAN YOU'RE CALLING ME MASTER FOREVER?

Forget it.

I DON'T EVER RECALL BECOMING YOUR MASTER.

!?

THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO CALL ME.

I AM...

YOUR...?

!

BO...!

"BO"?

what's "bo"?

final chapter●END

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TAH-DAH

UPON RECEIVING HIS FIRST SALARY...

IT'S A COFFEE DRIPPER.

The complete set.

I GUESS SO...

ANYWAY, YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT?

In-deed!

IT'S CUTE, RIGHT?!

LEMME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.

THANKS.

ALRIGHT, HERE GOES!

HE'S TOO FIRED UP...

OF COURSE.

Seri-ous-ly...

FWIP

WE ALSO HAVE ONE AT HOME.

EEK!

SLIP

NO-THING OF THE SORT!

YOU DON'T LIKE ME CLINGING TO YOU LIKE THIS?

GET USED TO IT.

YES...

WH-WHAT'S THIS... A-ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

WH-WH-WH-

JUST FELT LIKE IT.

THERE'S NOTHING TO DO WHILE WAITING FOR THE WATER TO BOIL, ISN'T IT?

A few minutes later

Okay, it's filled.

Ooh.

First, you warm the cup...

PUMP

...

ROUND AND ROUND

UJ

THIS IS WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS.

IT'S GOOD. TASTES NORMAL.

HUH?

HOW IS IT...?

HOORAY!

YOU'RE MAKING A HUGE FUSS OVER THIS...

YOU CAN KEEP IT.

IF YOU LIKE...

SITS

BUT I WANTED TO GREET YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

I KNOW IT'S LATE...

BUT I CAN'T DRINK IT IF IT'S TOO BITTER.

IN THAT CASE,

YOU SHOULD LEARN.

...WANT PROPER COFFEE-MAKING SUPPLIES.

I KINDA...

I HOPE THAT'S NOT GROSS OR ANYTHING!

I JUST REMEM-BERED!

BLUUUSH

WHY WOULD IT BE?

...PURCHASE THIS BECAUSE I MENTIONED I WANTED...

DID YOU PERHAPS...

...YOU'D REMEMBER SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

IT MAKES ME HAPPY...

THANK GOD I GAVE IT...

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, YOUR BIRTHDAY IS CLOSE.

IT'S ALREADY OVER.

OH, YEAH.

YUP?

OH!

I KNOW!

WELL, ANYWAY...

TELL ME IF THERE'S ANY-THING YOU'D LIKE.

FOR REAL?

... REALLY.

I'M NOW 16!

WELL...

Shockingly...

YOU ENJOY GOING TO PLACES LIKE THAT?

I WAS ONLY A KID THE LAST TIME I WENT THERE,

All I could remember was eating pop-corn!...

SO I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER MUCH OF IT.

LET'S GO TO D**NEY-LAND!

It's gonna be fun!

COMING FROM A GUY WITH HIS DICK IN FULL SWING...

WOW, THAT IS SO PURE.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A

DATE

IN D**NEYLAND...

...IT'S THE DREAM.

ALRIGHT.

LET'S GO.

YAY!

AH.
I'VE NEVER DONE STUFF LIKE THAT BEFORE.
I'M NOT SAYING I'M NOT SATIS-FIED WITH JUST SEX...
ACTU-LLY,
YOU'RE TOO LOUD.
The whole neighbor-hood will know you're a pervert.
AND PUT ON SOME COVER.

EXTRA ● END

I'll make him wear ear thing-ies...
Ear thingies.
cute ones...